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WEATHER

Max: 37.3°C
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ASTROGUIDE

Vishwavasu; Uttarayana Tithi: Vaishakha Shukla Ekadasi till 12.30 pm Star: Uttaraphalguni till 9.07 pm Varijan: Nil

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HIJRI CALENDAR

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PRAYERS

Fajr: 4.40 am Zohar: 12.22 pm Asar: 4.39 pm Magrib: 6.43 pm Isha: 7.56 pm

SUNRISE TOMORROW 5.46 AM

SUNSET TODAY 6.38 PM

MOONRISE 3.15 PM

MOONSET 2.56 AM

COUNTER POINT

PoK is no longer safe for either of us!

MODI UNVEILS VISION FOR INDIA'S SPACE FUTURE

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, MAY 7

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said that India was marching ahead with renewed confidence in the field of space exploration and declared that an Indian astronaut would leave his footprints on the Moon by 2040.

Addressing the Global Conference on Space Exploration 2025 via videoconferencing, Modi stressed that Mars and Venus were also on the country's radar for exploration missions. For India, Modi said space was about exploration.

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NO RESPITE FOR SRILAKSHMI IN OMC CASE

VUJJINI VAMSHIDHAR I DC
HYDERABAD, MAY 7

The Supreme Court on Wednesday overruled the Telangana High Court's 2022 judgment that had discharged AP IAS officer Yerra Srilakshmi from the Obulapuram Mining Company (OMC) illegal mining case. With the apex court ordering a fresh trial of Srilakshmi's role in the OMC scam, the officer will have to attend hearings before the CBI court here. Only on Tuesday, the CBI court had found OMC owner Gali Janardhan Reddy and others guilty.

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22 MAOISTS KILLED IN KARRREGUTTA ENCOUNTER

PULI SHARATH KUMAR I DC
WARANGAL, MAY 7

As many as 22 Maoists were killed in an encounter that took place between the Maoists and security forces at the Karrregutta hills located on the Telangana-Chhattisgarh border in the early hours on Wednesday.

Officials confirmed that combing operations were still ongoing in the densely-forested terrain and as a result the death toll could rise.

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Op Sindoor kills nearly 100 JeM, LeT terrorists in Pak in 25 mins

Indian fighter jets use long-range missiles without crossing border

PAWAN BALI I DC
NEW DELHI, MAY 7

Initial intelligence assessments suggest that between 70 and 100 terrorists were killed in Operation Sindoor, a joint operation by the Indian Army and the Indian Air Force just past midnight on Wednesday, a powerful response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that shook the nation.

The joint operation lasted 25 minutes and was described as "measured and non-escalatory." Missiles and drones were used in the operation that did not target Pakistani military sites.

This was for the first time since the 1971 war that India has hit a target in Pakistan's Punjab, in a powerful message that no terrorist site is safe.

The decisive and high-intensity military strike razed the core infrastructure of the terror outfits Jaish-e-Mohammad and Lashkar-e-Tayyaba in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. Frontline fighter jets, alongside precision drones, pounded nine high-value targets deep within PoK and Pakistan.

The military targeted Markaz Taiba of Lashkar-e-Tayyaba (LeT) in Muridke, Markaz Subhan Allah of Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) in Bahawalpur and Hizbul Mujahideen's Mehmooda Joya facility in Sialkot and LeT's base in Markaz Ahle Hadith in Barnala and its camp in Muzaffarabad's Shawali Nalla.

All the targets were neutralised with clinical efficiency, two women officers, Colonel Sophia Qureshi of the Army's Corps of Signals and Wing Commander Vyomika Singh, a helicopter pilot of the IAF, said at a media briefing alongside foreign secretary Vikram Misri.

The foreign secretary said India decided to carry out the "proportionate" strikes to bring the perpetrators and planners of the April 22 Pahalgam attack to justice as there was "no demonstrable step" from Pakistan to act against terrorist infrastructure on territories under its control.

Of the nine-high value targets, seven were hit by the Army's drones and "smart ammunition and precision weapons", the other two were razed to the ground by the IAF's Rafale and Sukhoi fighter jets.

The Indian fighter jets used long-range missiles to accomplish their task without crossing the border.

■ Page 8: India used its right to respond, says Rajnath

Blasted Nine

The locations that the Indian Army and IAF hit early on May 7

STRIKES IN PoK

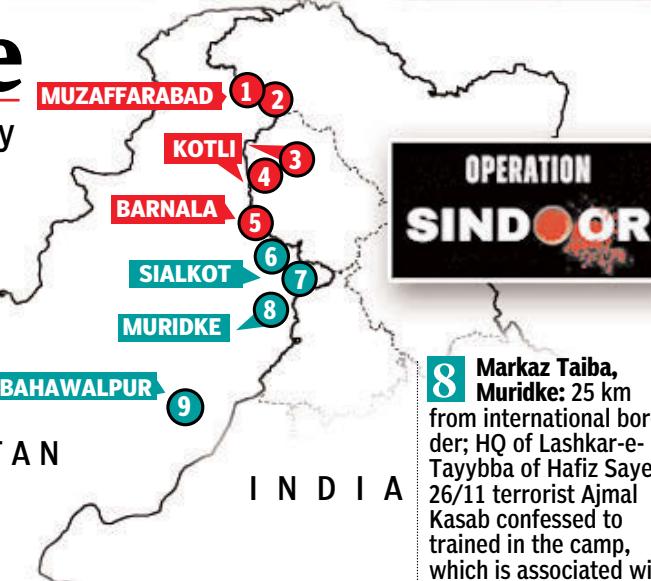
1 Sawai Nala Camp, Muzaffarabad: 30 km from LoC; key LeT training facility. Its terror module attacked civilians and security forces in Sonmarg on October 20 and Gulmar on October 24 in 2024; Pahalgam on April 22.

2 Syedna Belal Camp, Muzaffarabad: Used by Jaish-e-Mohammad as staging area.

3 Gulpar Camp, Kotli: 30 km from LoC; base for LeT operating in Rajauri-Poonch; Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhi, 26/11 mastermind, frequently visited camp.

4 Abbas Camp, Kotli: 13 km from LoC, opposite Rajauri, nerve centre for training LeT suicide bombers.

5 Barnala Camp, Bhimber: 9 km from LoC, opposite Rajauri-Poonch sector; trained terrorists in weapons.



STRIKES IN PAKISTAN

6 Sarjal Camp, Sialkot: 6 km from international border opposite Samba-Kathua.

7 Mehmooda Joya Camp, Sialkot: 12 km from international border, key training facility of Hizbul Mujahideen. Attack on Pathankot IAF base and major strikes planned and directed from this camp.

8 Markaz Taiba, Muridke: 25 km from international border; HQ of Lashkar-e-Tayyaba of Hafiz Sayed. 26/11 terrorist Ajmal Kasab confessed to trained in the camp, which is associated with many terrorist attacks.

9 Markaz Subhan, Bahawalpur: 100 km from international border, HQ of Jaish-e-Mohammad used for recruitment, training and indoctrinating terrorists.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with defence minister Rajnath Singh, Union home minister Amit Shah, Union ministers Nitin Gadkari, Shivraj Singh Chouhan and others during a Cabinet meeting in New Delhi. — PTI

Modi chose code Op Sindoor, hails precision strikes

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, MAY 7

Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed the Indian Armed Forces for successfully executing the strikes and reiterated his government's policy of zero tolerance towards terrorism.

Modi chaired a meeting of the Union Cabinet just hours after Operation Sindoor.

During the meeting, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh briefed the Cabinet about the operation, and the entire Cabinet welcomed the action and praised Modi's leadership with a thumping of desks.

Sources said the logo for Operation Sindoor was designed in just 45 minutes, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself suggested the codename, which was aimed at averting the brutal killing of civilians—some of whom were couples celebrating their weddings.

The government also

called an all-party meeting on Thursday to brief leaders about Operation Sindoor carried out by the armed forces.

In a post on X, parliamentary affairs minister Kiren Rijiju said, "The government has called an all-party leaders' meeting at 11 am on 8 May 2025 at Committee Room: G-074, in the Parliament Library Building, Parliament Complex in New Delhi."

Meanwhile, the Prime Minister has postponed his planned visit next week to the three European nations of Croatia, Norway, and the Netherlands due to the current political and military tensions with Pakistan, said reliable sources.

Modi was scheduled to visit these nations from May 13 to 17, but his continued presence in the country is now deemed essential given the fluid situation following the strikes.

Revanth: Detain illegal foreigners

L. VENKAT RAM REDDY I DC
HYDERABAD, MAY 7

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday directed officials to identify and detain Pakistan and Bangladesh nationals residing illegally in the state.

Stating that illegal migrants posed a threat to law and order, he directed the police to set up a dedicated communication system within the Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) in Banjara Hills to monitor their activities.

He warned of strict

action against anyone attempting to disturb peace and harmony. Revanth Reddy called for tightening security at all foreign consulates in Hyderabad and enhancing protective measures around IT companies, while speaking at a review meeting with top police officers in the wake of Operation Sindoor.

Leaves for employees in emergency service departments were cancelled, with instructions for all staff and officials to remain available.

■ Page 5: CM urges parties to support defence forces

27 airports closed, 250 flights halted

New Delhi: Twenty-seven airports in northern, central, and western India have been temporarily closed for operations, and more than 250 flights have been cancelled in these sectors in the wake of the tense situation following India's airstrikes against nine Pakistani terror locations under Operation Sindoor. The airports that have been shut to regular air traffic include Chandigarh, Srinagar, Amritsar, Ludhiana.

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18 Hyd flights to N. India cancelled

Hyderabad: At least 18 flights from and to the city to destinations in north India were cancelled after the airports were closed against the backdrop of strikes on terror camps in Pakistan and PoK, as well as the IAF exercises in Rajasthan. Flights to Srinagar, Jammu, Leh, Amritsar, Chandigarh, Dharamshala and Jodhpur, which were cancelled as the airports were shut down. Airlines issued advisories alerting passengers about delays and cancellations due to changing airspace conditions.

Verify your facts, India tells China

Beijing: The Indian Embassy here has cautioned China's state-run tabloid Global Times to verify messages before posting them on social media on Indian military strikes targeting Pakistan's terror infrastructure on Wednesday. "Dear @globaltimesnews we would recommend you verify your facts and cross-examine your sources before pushing out this kind of disinformation," the Indian Embassy said on X.

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Civil def. drills held successfully

RACHEL DAMMALA I DC
HYDERABAD, MAY 7

In an unusual scene on Wednesday afternoon, Hyderabad's streets fell briefly still as sirens wailed across the city to signal the start of a civil defence exercise—the first such sound in over half a century. Operation Abhyas was aimed at testing how prepared the city was to respond in the event of a hostile attack.

Though a few commuters were caught in traffic during the siren, most seemed cooperative. There were no reported disruptions to transport or daily services. In fact, social media was abuzz with people sharing clips, memes and even jokes—some compared the sudden siren to scenes from war films, while others laughed off WhatsApp forwards falsely warning of actual missile strikes or curfews.

Police and civic authorities quickly responded.

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FIRST TAKE

Colonel Sofiya Qureshi, Wg Cdr Vyomika Singh provide attack info

2 women officers track Op Sindoor

BHASKAR HARI SHARMA I DC
NEW DELHI, MAY 7

In a befitting tribute to women who lost their husbands in the Pahalgam massacre, India on Wednesday, for the first time, fielded its two women officers, Colonel Sofiya Qureshi and Wing Commander Vyomika Singh, to lead an official press briefing on the major military operation. The move was aimed at delivering a powerful message about Nari Shakti (women's power) and the secular fabric of the country.

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ing the brutal killing of civilians - some of whom were couples celebrating their weddings.

While the strikes were underway, the ADGPI of the Indian Army, at 1.28 am, posted a video on social media showcasing India's military strength. The video was titled in Sanskrit: "Praharay Sannihitah, Jayay Prashikshitah", meaning "Ready to Strike, Trained to Win."

Along with the name Operation Sindoor, the selection of women officers embodied Nari Shakti, sending a strong message globally.

The two officers joined

foreign secretary Vikram Misri in providing details about the precision strikes carried out by the armed forces on nine terror targets in Pakistan and

Kashmir. The trio presented a striking image of the synergy between India's military prowess and diplomatic maturity.

Col. Qureshi, from the Army's Corps of Signals, and Wg Cdr Singh, a helicopter pilot, shared the

names and details of the sites targeted in the early hours of Wednesday, speaking in Hindi and English, respectively.

"Niche technology weapons, with carefully selected warheads, were used to ensure that there would be no collateral damage. The point of impact in each case was a specific building or group of buildings," she explained. All the targets were "neutralised with clinical efficiency," she added.

about Operation Sindoor, carried out by the Indian armed forces from 1 am to 1.30 am on the intervening night of May 6-7, 2025." Col. Qureshi said, as visuals played on the screen depicting the targeted sites. Wing Commander Singh stated that the strikes on the terror camps were carried out using "precision capabilities."

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■ Page 8: All targets neutralised: Wg Cdr Singh



Army Colonel Sofiya Qureshi and IAF Wing Commander Vyomika Singh during a press conference regarding Operation Sindoor in New Delhi. — PTI

Karachi Bakery finds itself in piquant state

SAALINI LOKESH | DC
HYDERABAD, MAY 7

With India attacking terror camps in Pakistan, the cautious management of Karachi Bakery — which is named after the Pakistani city — has displayed the Indian Flag above their signboards of their outlets at Moazzam Jahi Market and Begumpet. Whenever tensions flare up between India and Pakistan, the bakery gets trolled over its name.

"Senior officials ordered us to be cautious. As a preventive measure, we deployed our staff near the bakery," said Ramgopalpet, an inspector Narsing Rao. Karachi Bakery has around 20 branches in the city, and all the branches are deployed with constables to monitor the situation.

The inspector also added that they had suggested putting up the Indian Flag, showing their support to the Operation Sindoora and almost all branches complied.

Speaking to *Deccan Chronicle*, a Karachi Bakery staff member said, "We did place the Indian Tricolour on top of the nameboard of the shop, and we also have a constable present at the shop. Business has not been affected due to this incident in our branch."

In Visakhapatnam, the members of the Jana Jagaran Samithi (JJS) protested outside Karachi Bakery at Venkojipalem on Tuesday, demanding that the bakery change its name. The protesters also asked the Centre to step in if the name was not changed.

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Op Abhyas simulates hostile situations

Sirens catch many unawares; participants carry out emergency exercises with precision

RACHEL DAMMALA,
MRITTICKA BANERJEE,
SABA ANJUM SHAIK AND
PRIYA RATHNAM | DC
HYDERABAD, MAY 7

At 4 pm on Wednesday, sirens sounded and an 'emergency' was staged. Civil defence personnel got into action, 'rescuing' people and providing them 'medical care' and whisking them away in ambulances. Other residents were escorted to safe places.

NCC cadet Sita V., observed the coordination and orderliness. "We practise a lot, but today showed us how it really works," P. Yesu, a DRF officer, seconded that thought. "Unless citizens are aware and stay steady, it's hard to act effectively. Today, the balance was just right."

Babu Rao, a sweeper with the SCB, stood in uniform with a helmet and mask, and holding a safety flag. "I felt like I mattered. Even if it's small, I can do my part," he said.

"We made sure of rehearsals in the morning and afternoon. But 4 pm was the real test — and Hyderabad passed," said Prasad P., president of the local residents' welfare group.

Officials found that by and large Hyderabadi, known for their independent ways where matters of authority are involved, were cooperating in making things happen. That itself was a big plus.

NACHARAM A kid was playing in a park when there was a sudden 'boom'. There were sirens, ambulances and fire services personnel; rushing in and 'rescuing' people. Enough to make the child take pause.

Mayflower Grande Apartments in Mailapur was chosen for its proximity to the Nuclear Fuel Complex. Apartment resident K. Pooja found the session informative. Of her twins, one stepped out to watch the drill while the other remained in the house because it is scary

For lawyer Ranjitha Selvan, the blast and the rescue was something out of a movie. "Movies need to be made of such topics

It may seem small, but details matter." Children from the neighbouring Valmiki Towers were interrupted by all the activity. "I thought we were being bombed," said 10-year-old Rahul, before quickly adding, "But now I want to join the Disaster Rescue Force."

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It makes us comprehend reality and helps us in quick decision-making," he said.

KHADERBAGH Avalon Apartments was chosen for its multi-storey layout, cellar structure, and proximity to a defence zone. Residents were asked to simulate an evacuation from the fourth floor, and electricity was cut to add urgency to the exercise. The scene brought onlookers from the neighbourhood and beyond. "Evacuations in high-rises are more complex. People rely on lifts, which may stop during emergencies. This drill is about making them think through alternatives," said G.V. Narayan Rao, additional director of the fire department. He was joined by district collector Anudeep Durishetty and MLA Majid Hussain.

A senior resident said, "This helps. We now have a better idea of how to respond." It left youngsters pondering. "Everything got blocked quickly. But the officials were fast. It makes you

wonder what would happen if something real happened," said Zayed Safi, 16, stayed in character because "it matters."

These are things we should know," he said, still seated near the entrance.

A 13-year-old who was present at the scene with her sister said her grandfather's house caught fire during a drill in 1971.

KACHEGUDA At the railway station, P. Sudha, a passenger, was shocked. "I didn't know there was a drill but slowly understood the situation," she said. Varaprasad, passenger, who had never seen anything like this. "It made me realise how important coordination is during situations like this." Renuka M. said the hullabaloo left her seven-year-old daughter scared. "All of us bent down as instructed. She thought something really happened and started to cry," she added. A civil defence personnel who learnt the casualty lifting technique, said, "These drills teach us how to act fast." The drills were supervised by Udayan Kotla, deputy general manager of SCR and controller of civil defence. General manager Arun Kumar Jain had a word of praise for the participants.

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ATTACK ON TERROR Denizens want not just houses of terrorists, but those of supporters also razed

A sigh of relief after Operation Sindoor

DAYADI SAMPATH
KUMAR | DC
HYDERABAD, MAY 7

Women felt a bit relieved when news spread in the early hours on Wednesday that Indian missiles pounded terrorist bases in Pakistan to avenge the killing of 26 tourists in Pahalgam over a fortnight ago.

They were delighted to note that the operation was aptly code-named Sindoor, as many women had lost their sindoor, a sign of marital bliss, in the barbaric act by terrorists in Pahalgam.

Sreejaswi Thuraka, researcher in international politics, noted, "This has sent a powerful message to the wider world that India will not remain silent to acts of terror and

will take strong measures to protect its people."

"Dismantling terror hideouts with precision strikes not only sent a strong deterrent message but also reflected India's evolving counter-terror doctrine to the world," Sreejaswi said.

She added, "However, for the women who witnessed the cold-blooded murder of their husbands before

their eyes on April 22, no number of strikes or arrests can erase their pain.

Operation Sindoor serves as a call for long-term security reform. India must move from reactive strikes to adoption of a proactive strategy."

Kunchala Jerusha, a software professional from Kadapa and working in

Hyderabad, says the strikes showed that "we are fearless and will not be cowed down by a nuclear threat. It also shows our military capability and planning."

"Asking two women officers to provide press briefing was befitting, given the context and name of the Op Sindoor. It's an indirect message to the terrorists and Pakistan

our women are good enough for you," added Jerusha.

G. Damayanti, a government employee, says she feels relieved.

"We have to demolish not only the homes of terrorists but also of those supporting them. Punish them severely."

We have lost many of our dear ones over the past several decades," she

sighed.

Vinod Rao Banja, the brother of 26/11 terror victim Vijay Rao Banja, says terrorism has caused unforgettable loss to many peace-loving people for no fault of theirs.

Emanuel Nixon, a businessman from Chennai, says India should seek and get more support from the nations across the world in its fight against terror.

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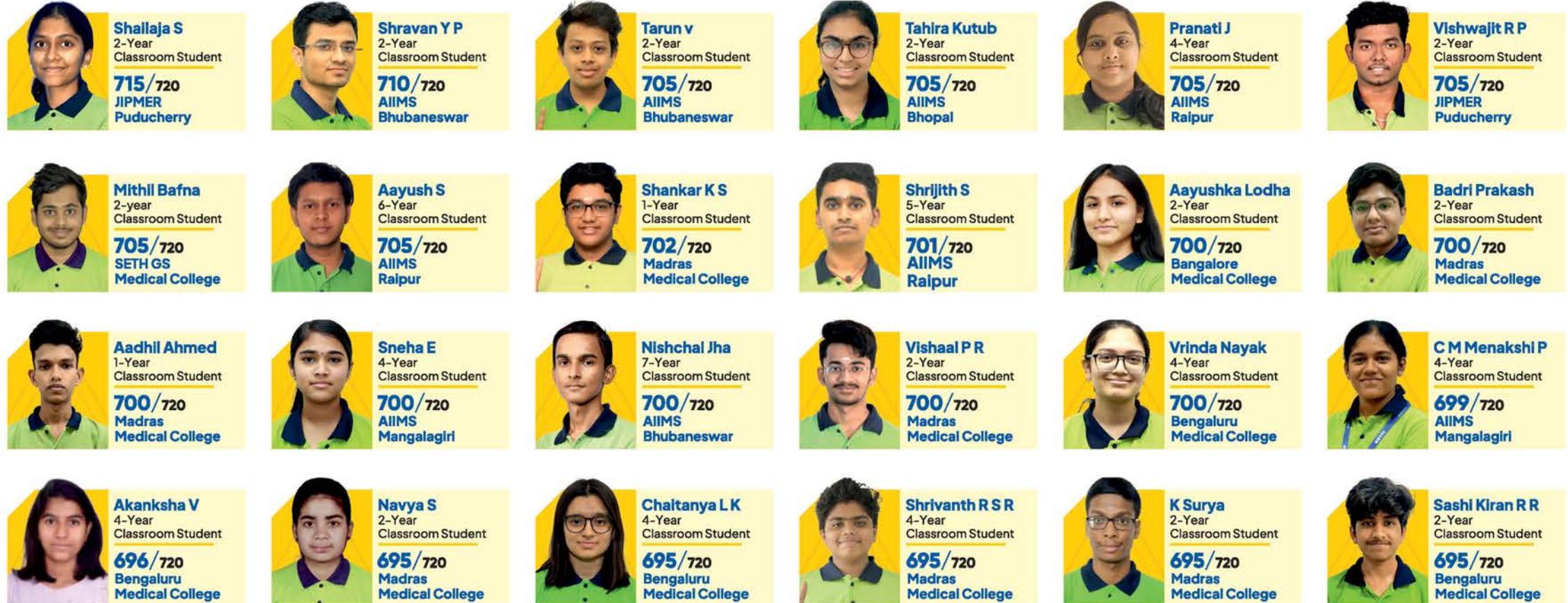
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IN BRIEF
Labourer dies
after hit by lorry

Hyderabad: Fifty-year-old Gangapaka Arjun, a labourer died when a ready mix cement lorry reportedly being driven at high speed hit his two-wheeler in Narkuda around 9.15 am on Tuesday. Shamshabad inspector K. Narendra Reddy said Arjun was heading towards Shabad when the accident occurred. Locals informed his relative Kukkal Anjaneyulu and called the police. A case has been registered, and an investigation is underway.

3-yr-old boy run over by car

Hyderabad: A three-year-old boy was run over by a car when he wandered into the main road in Madhuranaagar, Bachupally, on Tuesday evening. Inspector J. Upender Rao said no one noticed the child enter the road till he was hit by the vehicle which was allegedly being driven in a rash manner. When they realised what had happened, the parents rushed the child to a nearby hospital where he died while undergoing treatment. Car driver Srinivas has been arrested.

Man nabbed for murdering couple

Hyderabad: The Alwal police, along with the CCS and Medchal special operations team arrested Chinthakindi Anil Kumar, 40, of Macha Bolaram for allegedly murdering an elderly couple in Suryanagar. Medchal DCP Koti Reddy said that Kumar was an accused in 28 offences in Cyberabad and Narsapur, including attempt to murder. A detailed analysis of 100 CCTV cameras and further examination of previous crime records helped the police in nabbing Kumar, the DCP said.

82 lost, stolen mobile recovered

Warangal: The Jangoan police returned 82 lost or stolen mobile phones to their owners at an event here on Wednesday. DCP Rajamahendra Nayak urged citizens to report missing mobile phones without delay, so that the police could help by using the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) portal. He said the CEIR initiative of the Central government enables users to block lost phones by registering complete details at <https://www.ceir.gov.in>.

Jagan deposes before NCLT

Hyderabad: AP former chief minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on Wednesday told the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) Bench at Hyderabad that he could revoke the gift agreement made with her sister Y.S. Sharmila in shares in Saraswathi Power Ltd. He submitted that the MoU between them had been cancelled and the gift agreement had no legal validity. Senior counsel and YSRCP MP S. Niranjan Reddy, appeared for Jagan Mohan Reddy.

Cops seize expired cold drinks

Warangal: The task force police, under the supervision of ACP A. Madhusudan and led by inspector M. Ranjith Kumar, seized adulterated and expired cool drinks valued at ₹33,568 during a joint raids with food safety officials at the K&S Cool Drinks Distribution Shop in Warangal on Wednesday. The shop owner, Mohammed Khaleel, 48, a resident of Parameshwari Nilayam, was taken into custody and handed over to food inspector Krishnamurthy for further investigation.

Fake info will land you in trouble, says Anand

Top cop cancels leaves of staff, officers with immediate effect

MOULI MAREEDU I DC
HYDERABAD, MAY 7



C.V. Anand

SAFETY STEPS

- Hyderabad police have initiated the system of sounding of sirens by patrolling vehicles after 54 years in the city.
- The siren played for two minutes at many junctions to alert the vehicle riders to stay off their vehicles.
- There are 12,000 live CCTVs linked to the police command control centre, where the police keep track of vehicle.

departments, the Hyderabad police have decided to conduct mock drills at four areas.

"The leaves of the staff and officers have been cancelled with immediate effect and the officers will join duties. There should be restrictions on misinformation on social media and that the police should be alert as some people may create tension through false news. Higher officials

should review the respective departments from time to time. There is a need to check whether the equipment of the NDRF department is working properly or not. Security measures and patrolling should be increased near important institutions in the state," Anand said.

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Massive awareness on cybercrime at med colleges, others

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MAY 7



Shikha Goel

TIPS

- Payments are collected via UPI and e-wallets, but no products are delivered, or substandard items are sent.
- These pages often lack refund policies or verified business credentials. Citizens were advised to verify sellers.
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offers that demand upfront investments and operate exclusively on WhatsApp/Telegram," Shikha Goel said. Strict action is being taken against influencers and platforms promoting them. Victims or whistleblowers were encouraged to report such platforms via WhatsApp at 8712672222.

Security drill



A drill was organised at the Kachiguda railway station as part of the nationwide defence preparedness.
— DEEPAK DESHPANDE

CHOREOGRAPHER DIES IN APT FIRE MISHAP

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MAY 7

A 38-year-old dance choreographer died in a fire mishap at an apartment in Puppalaguda in Narsingi at around 2.30am on Tuesday night.

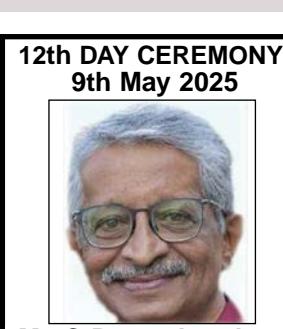
According to Narsingi Inspector Hari Krishna Reddy, the deceased has been identified as Porkati Veerkand Reddy, a resident of Qutub Arcade Apartment. The fire is suspected to have erupted from Veerkand's room's air conditioner.

Four other family members, including two minors, were present in the house when the incident occurred. The family members, who are safe, have been identified as Porkathi Garpakash Reddy, 76, his wife Vijaya, 60, and a 14-year-old and an eight-year-old.



NELATURI ELIZABETH SWARNALATHA
DOB: 27-06-1951 DOD: 08-05-2022
Dear Mom & Dad, We miss you a lot.
Inserted by: Family Members
Ph: 9849994113

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Mr. C RAMACHANDRAN
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S/o Ms. Sathishi Nair & Late Mr. C. Gopal Nair
Wife - Ms. Lakshmi Nair
Son - Mr. Aditya Nair
Brother - Mr. C. Shiva Kumar
Venue: Plot No. 17, Priya Colony, Kakuguda, Secunderabad - 500015
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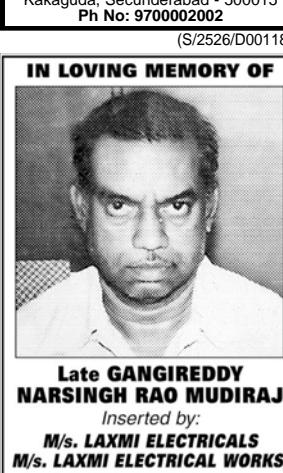
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DOB: 10-09-1951 DOD: 05-2021
Our heart still can't accept that you are not with us anymore. You were our strength. In these years, there's not a single day that we did not miss you. It's not easy for us to move on from this pain.
Inserted by: Family Members.

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AITHA KASI VISHWANATHAN
DOB: 08-05-1943 DOD: 24-01-2023
Inserted by:
E. KASTURI BAI - Wife
Sons & Daughter-in-laws
Daughters & Son-in-laws
Grand Sons & Grand Daughters
Nephews, Nieces, Kith & Kin

(S/2526/D00119)



LATE GANGIREDDY NARSINGH RAO MUDIRAJ
DOB: 27-06-1951 DOD: 08-05-2022
We miss you DAD
Inserted by:
M/s. LAXMI ELECTRICALS
M/s. LAXMI ELECTRICAL WORKS,
Staff & FAMILY MEMBERS

(S/2526/D00191)



M. LAKSHMI REDDY
Rtd. Joint Director of Agriculture
DOB: 01-07-1942 DOD: 31-01-2017
M. LAKSHMI NARAYANAMMA
DOB: 22-02-1928 DOD: 08-05-2015
Your memories are always in our hearts forever
Mrs. & Mr. M. Ravishankar
Mrs. & Col. M. Varadaraj
Mrs. & Mr. Gautam Kumar
and Grand Children
Cell No. 9490240555

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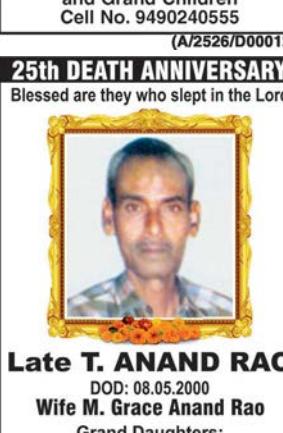
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W/o Late N. Dayanand Seidel
DOB: 27-06-1951 DOD: 08-05-2022
We miss you MOM!
Inserted by: Freddie, Veena, Keon,
Karen and Keenah. Ph: 9885903209

(S/2526/D00119)



T.V. RAMAN NAIR
DOB: 08-05-2013
Your memories are ever fresh.
ALL FAMILY MEMBERS
Ph: 9849421674

(S/2526/D00119)



LATE T. ANAND RAO
DOB: 08-05-2000
Wife M. Grace Anand Rao
Grand Daughters:
T. Hilda Margarette
T. Prashansa Vijay, T. Sahasra Vijay
9704235945, 9573654694

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HYDRAA razes sheds

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MAY 7



Following the complaint from locals at the Prajavani programme, HYDRAA officials inspected the area and confirmed it as government land. Two months ago, the High Court had given orders to remove the illegal structures. HYDRAA team demolished the structures with the support of local police and placed signboards affirming that it was government land.



HYDRAA demolishes structures with the support of police.

sheds without permission and tried to register the land on their names.

They had constructed

Twentytwo Maoists were killed in an encounter that took place between the Maoists and security forces at the Karregutta hills located on the Telangana-Chhattisgarh border in the early hours on Wednesday. Officials confirmed that combing operations were still ongoing in the densely-forested terrain and as a result the death toll could rise.

The operation, being overseen by ADG Vivekanand Sinha and CRPF IG Rakesh Aggarwal has resulted in the seizure of a large cache of arms, ammunition and explosives.

The encounter began early Wednesday in the Usur block of Bijapur district where the Maoists had taken shelter.

Intelligence inputs had indicated the presence of senior Maoist leaders including military platoon in-charge Madhavi Hidma, prompting an intensified search opera-

tions.

Sources said the security

forces have uncovered

and defused nearly 200

IEDs during the Karregutta

operation. Despite this, two security

personnel were injured in

separate IED explosions

over the past two days and

were airlifted to Bijapur

hospital for treatment.

'Operation Kagar' aims

to eliminate Maoist

strongholds in the Telangana-Chhattisgarh forest belt.

Officials revealed that thousands of

security personnel have

surrounded the Maoist-

infested zones with search

and surveillance aided by

drones, signal towers and

K9 units for detecting

underground bunkers.

The encounter site is now firmly under the control of security forces,

who have established forward base camps in areas like Dhobie Hills and Neelam Sarai, and are setting up another camp near Alubaka. Authorities remain cautious, keeping a close watch on potential threats from hidden explodives or ambushes.

According to official sources, a joint task force comprising personnel from the DRG, COBRA, CRPF, STF, Bastar Fighters and the

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SHORT TAKES



D. Sridhar Babu

RECORD 57K GOVT JOBS FILLED IN A YEAR: SRIDHARDC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MAY 7

Industries and IT minister D. Sridhar Babu on Wednesday announced that the government, led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, has successfully filled 57,000 government positions within a year—a remarkable achievement at the national level.

Speaking at the inauguration of a building at Natco Zilla Parishad High School in Kothur, Shadnagar constituency, the minister underscored the government's commitment to strengthening public education. He said efforts were underway to equip all government schools with digital classrooms, aiming to raise academic standards through a structured, expert-led approach.

He said the objective was to ensure students in government institutions perform on par with their peers in private schools. Emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence, were being integrated into the curriculum to make students future-ready. He stressed that teachers play a vital role in restoring public trust in government schools. Long-pending teacher promotions have been cleared, and specialised "Amma Committees" have been set up to monitor school operations and ensure accountability.

CELEBRATIONS ERUPT OVER ARMY STRIKES IN PAKNARENDER PULLORI | DC
NIZAMABAD, MAY 7

Celebrations broke out across Nizamabad and Kamareddy districts on Wednesday as residents hailed the Indian Army's strikes on terrorist groups in Pakistan. Youths, in particular, enthusiastically took part in rallies held at several locations, waving the national flag and raising slogans in support of the armed forces.

Rallies were held in Nizamabad, Armoor, Balkonda and other places, reflecting widespread support for the Army's action. In Mamidipally village of Makloor mandal—widely known as an 'Army village' with 18 youths currently serving in the forces—jubilant scenes were witnessed following the announcement of the air strikes.

Speaking to *Deccan Chronicle*, retired soldier Janakirao said he left the Army four years ago. "If I am recalled, I am ready to join anti-terrorist operations again," he said with pride. Laxmi, the mother of a jawan serving in Jammu and Kashmir, said, "We have been anxious ever since the Pahalgam attack on tourists. My son speaks to us regularly over the phone, but we are constantly worried. Still, we are proud of the Army for striking the terrorist camps."

Meanwhile, the Congress party organised a candlelight vigil in Nizamabad on Wednesday night to honour the victims of the Pahalgam terror attack in J&K. State government advisor Mohammed Ali Shabbir, took part.

Revanth to lead solidarity rally at Secretariat today

As a nation, we stand united behind our soldiers, says CM

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MAY 7

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will lead a solidarity rally from the Secretariat to Necklace Road at 6 pm on Thursday in support of the Indian armed forces airstrikes against Pakistan. The rally will see participation from ministers, government officials and the general public to express their gratitude and solidarity with the armed forces.

Revanth Reddy along with Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Wednesday reviewed the arrangements for the solidarity rally.

He asked officials to plan meticulously to ensure the rally's success and urged the public, particularly the youth and students, to come out in large numbers



Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy inspects the Command and Control Centre in Hyderabad on Wednesday.

— BY ARRANGEMENT

to show their support.

"This rally is a symbol of the people's collective appreciation for the bravery of our armed forces," said Revanth Reddy.

"We want to send a message that, as a nation, we

stand behind our soldiers."

The Chief Minister said that the rally was an opportunity for the people of Telangana to express their gratitude to armed forces' airstrikes against

terror bases in Pakistan. Hailing Operation Sindoor, Revanth Reddy added, "As an Indian citizen first, I stand strongly with our armed forces. The strikes against terror factories in Pakistan and PoK make us proud. Let us make this a moment for national solidarity and unity, and all of us speak in one voice—Jai Hind!"

It may be recalled that Revanth Reddy had led a candlelight rally on April 25, from People's Plaza to the Indira Gandhi statue, Necklace Road, to protest the terror attack on Indian tourists in Pahalgam.

At that time, the Chief Minister had demanded strong action from Prime Minister Narendra Modi against Pakistan and called for the merger of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir with India.

SUPPORT DEF. FORCES, CM URGES PARTIES

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Ministers and officials were asked to cancel foreign trips to focus on the situation. The Chief Minister called for political unity, urging parties to support the defence forces and avoid inflammatory rhetoric. He warned government employees against making controversial statements in the media or on social platforms, cautioning of strict disciplinary action.

All CCTV cameras across the three police commissionerates of Greater Hyderabad must be integrated into the central command system, the CM directed.

Police personnel have been asked to remain on high alert and engage with peace committees to maintain communal harmony. He asked officials to intensify surveillance in all district headquarters and other sensitive zones.

To combat the spread of misinformation, Revanth Reddy said a 24/7 toll-free number will be launched, along with a dedicated special cell to curb fake news and prevent panic. Cybersecurity measures are also being reinforced, he added. Officials were instructed to stock emergency medicines and blood supplies, ensure the availability of hospital beds and strengthen coordination with the Red Cross.

Food reserves will also be boosted to meet any emergency needs, the Revanth Reddy said.



Revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy inaugurates developmental projects in Wazedu and Venkatapuram mandals of Mulugu district on Wednesday.

No cash, will keep vows: Ponguleti

PULI SHARATH KUMAR | DC
WARANGAL, MAY 7

Despite prevailing economic challenges in the state, the government is pressing ahead with its commitment to welfare and development, said revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, while inaugurating a series of developmental and welfare projects in Wazedu and Venkatapuram mandals of Mulugu district on Wednesday.

In the Wazedu mandal, the minister distributed Indiramma housing sanction documents to 57 beneficiaries in Kongala village and 64 beneficiaries in Nagaram village. Later, in Patrapuram of Venkatapuram mandal, he laid the foundation stone for a deputy executive engineer (PR) office building, to be constructed for ₹60 lakh.

Addressing the gathering,

ings, Srinivas Reddy said the previous BRS government had left the state burdened with a debt of ₹8.19 lakh crore. He said the Congress-led Indiramma government is not only addressing this fiscal crisis but is also implementing its welfare agenda effectively. He said the government is committed to providing Indiramma houses to every poor family with ₹5 lakh allocated per unit and reaffirmed that all key poll promises are being fulfilled. These include the distribution of 6 kg of fine rice per person from Ugadi and recruiting for 57,662 government jobs within ten months of assuming office. The minister said several flagship initiatives are being rolled out, including the Bhu Bharati Act to benefit small and marginal farmers and the Rajiv Vikas scheme aimed at supporting unemployed youth.

Owaisi hails strikes on Pak terror hubs

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MAY 7

AIMIM chief and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi welcomed the missile strikes on terror camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir under Operation Sindoor, and said that Pakistan's terror framework must be completely destroyed.

In a statement on his 'X' handle, Owaisi also said

that Pakistan's deep state should be taught a lesson to make sure an incident like the Pahalgam attack does not happen again. He ended his tweet with 'Jai Hind'.

Owaisi also shared a brief video of him wearing a Tricolour turban and raising "Pakistan murdab" slogans.

"Bharat Zindabad, Pakistan murdab,"

Owaisi is heard saying; the video is from a recent



Asaduddin Owaisi at a public meeting in Bihar.

Owaisi also directed party corporators and

MLAs from Chrundrayangutta and Karwan Assembly constituencies to participate in the civil defence drills.

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RELAX BAN ON TRANSFERS, DOCS TELL MIN.

RACHEL DAMMALA | DC
HYDERABAD, MAY 7

Amid a growing faculty crunch in major government medical colleges across Telangana, the state unit of the Telangana Government Doctors Association (TGGDA) has written to health minister Damodar Rajarathnam urging immediate relaxation of the ongoing ban on transfers for professor-level posts. The association has also sought urgent steps to fill vacant professor posts in four key institutions—Osmania Medical College, Gandhi Medical College, Kakatiya Medical College, and Government Medical College Nizamabad—by allowing transfers of eligible senior faculty members.

In the representations submitted on Wednesday, the association pointed out that the transfer ban was hampering the academic and healthcare capacities of the state's top medical colleges.

"Several sanctioned professor posts are lying vacant despite the availability of experienced faculty in the periphery who are willing and eligible to be transferred," the association noted in its letter.

TGGDA stated that these vacancies are impacting both post-graduate medical education and patient care.

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As India strikes Pak terror, be ready to face escalation

India is at war — against Pakistan-based terror. The country took its operations against sponsored terror up several notches by striking out at the infrastructure of groups like Lashkar-e-Tayyaba and Jaish-e-Mohammad at nine sites in PoK and in the Pakistani heartland of Punjab in places like Bahawalpur that housed the HQ of the notorious JeM, led by Masood Azhar.

Operation Sindoor, as it was emotionally titled in response to the Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 civilians lost their lives, was of a different calibre altogether. Earlier surgical-strike responses to terror attacks in Kashmir in 2016 and 2019 were limited actions in PoK. India's military operation in the early hours of May 7 is symbolic of the highest capabilities of the combined forces in carrying out targeted strikes.

The act of coordinated strikes named Operation Sindoor was "measured, non-escalatory and proportionate", according to the official statement of the foreign secretary. And yet even a diehard optimist will not imagine that this will follow the pattern of previous strikes of non-escalatory tit-for-tat military manoeuvres since there is every likelihood of Pakistan responding with force.

To be prepared for any eventuality is India's lot now even if its expansive action was precise with the employment of high-accuracy standoff weapons expertly guided to ensure the least possible collateral damage at nine locations, four in the Punjab and five in PoK. At least half a dozen civilian deaths were reported while the number of terrorists eliminated may have been, according to reports, 10 times higher.

Even so, Pakistan's immediate response at dawn on Wednesday was to pepper Kashmir with more of the indiscriminate artillery shelling of the last several days since the diplomatic standoff saw many restrictive measures introduced by both countries. More than nine may have been killed in the shelling and several more injured in villages along the LOC and the International Border.

Considering the loss of lives of innocent villagers, the stark truth is India is also at war now with Pakistan. The neighbour may have been playing games in making sure the count was 26 in India's Operation Sindoor that equates it with the Pahalgam deaths. But it was not the number so much as the religious discrimination and the manner of hits at innocent tourists in Kashmir that so incensed India to retaliate as it did.

The approbation from a population of 140 crore people, who will see Operation Sindoor as not just revenge but a lesson with a message that Pakistan cannot afford to ignore, is to be savoured by the nation. The strategically well thought out military strike has elicited praise while the briefing by the spokespersons chosen from the armed forces in two women officers was well-directed and free of clutter.

This might, however, mean that the nation must be prepared for anything that a religiously indoctrinated general leading the Pakistani army might see as his "proportionate" response to the strike deep inside Pakistan territory as in Bahawalpur that is 100 km from the border even as the Shehbaz Sharif government is itching for retaliation.

The strangest part is Pakistan's denials of complicity in the Pahalgam attack have been seen even as the Western world accepted India's charge of a direct Pakistan hand in guiding the terror attacks on Kashmir, including through Pakistani nationals handled from there.

It should have come as no surprise that China has been one of the few nations to stand behind Pakistan. If anyone can dissuade Pakistan from this path of directing terror at Kashmir as well as de-escalate at this point of extreme tensions post-Pahalgam attack and the Operation Sindoor response, it is the Chinese leadership. Truth to tell, both nations have only lost in the several wars fought since 1947.

Judges' assets: SC sets example

The judiciary may be the weakest of the pillars of democracy if one were to assess them by the people and the machinery at their command but it gains its strength from the moral high ground it has claimed for itself. There are many elements that sustains this place which include the fairness with which it handles matters, the impartiality it demonstrates when called on to adjudicate on complex matters and the transparency with which the institution works. The latest decision of the Supreme Court of India to place the annual statement of assets it received on its website for public perusal is a landmark that will add to the glory of the institution.

As it stands today, the asset statements of 21 of the 33 judges of the Supreme Court have been published in the statement and those of the other judges will also be published as they are filed, as per the Supreme Court. The process will reach its logical end when the other judges as well as those in the High Courts also follow in their footsteps and declare their assets for the public to view. At some point, it may be extended to the lower judiciary, too.

There have been allegations of corruption against the judiciary at all levels, and they were raised by members of the legal fraternity itself. A judge of the Supreme Court is on record saying half of all judges in the higher judiciary are corrupt and surveys have pointed to people's low esteem for the judiciary when it comes to probity. It is not that the judges do not know that they have been hit with muck but there have been no serious attempts to correct the wrong. The publication of the assets of the members of the highest court of the land may be seen as the first step towards cleaning that mess.

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Violence down in Manipur after Prez Rule, but still a long way to go

May 3, 2025 marked two years since the outbreak of violence in Manipur between Meiteis and Kukis, in which 258 people were killed, 60,000 internally displaced, and about 5,000 houses and 400 religious structures destroyed in the mayhem. There has been a lot of focus on the causes of the violence, the events that sparked the disturbances, the remedies and what the future portends for Manipur. But there have also been positive voices which haven't been reported much in the national media. Manipur has changed immensely in these two years, but all is not lost yet.

The second anniversary of the outbreak has seen less violence, killings, bomb blasts, grenade attacks, sounds of bullets, and it is necessary to know about these. Three major changes that happened at the beginning of the year have gradually and surely put the state on the path to normalcy. The first was the choice of Ajay Kumar Bhalla, a former Union home secretary, as the new Governor on January 3, the second was the resignation of chief minister N. Biren Singh on February 9, and the third the imposition of President's Rule on February 13. The new Governor, with first-hand experience of handling the Manipur crisis as home secretary, got down to business as soon as he took over. He visited the camps of the internally displaced people of both groups, gave them his assurances, met up with multiple civil society organisations, women's organisations (all of which were received very

well), and has constantly emphasised upon them to abhor violence, besides addressing governance matters, including security. He has stood firm on his directions of "peace ought to precede a political solution" as against the constant refrain of "no peace without a solution" that was being insisted upon by the warring groups.

The overall law and order situation has seen a change. Violence and insurgency related activities have declined and inter-community clashes had almost ended. After the Governor's announcement that all weapons must be surrendered, 1,044 weapons (official figure) have been surrendered. In the meantime, concerted efforts by the security forces continue in the state to de-weapons society. The activities of gun-toting private militias, like the Arambai Tengol in the Imphal Valley and the Kuki gunmen in the hills, have been significantly checked by the security forces. Targeted violence, that included extortion, kidnappings, grenade attacks and other forms of intimidation, have also seen an immense decline. All these have given the common man a sense of relief and security. Road blockades cum checkpoints that had been established by the warring groups had affected the state's economy, besides impacting the sustenance of ordinary citizens. This has now been addressed by the security forces.

Here, mention must be made of the Committee on Tribal Unity (COTU)-led blockade in Kangpokpi that was demolished by the security forces on February 27, which restored arterial access; a very

significant step. Unnoticed has also been the reopening of highways, whereby movement of commodities along NH-2 and NH-37 has re-commenced, which has brought great succour to the people in both the hills and valley. But passenger travel has not yet started, which eventually will happen once both communities start confidence-building measures. With the opening of highways, economic activities that include trade and agriculture have also got fillip. Of particular significance is the resumption of cultivation by farmers, almost impossible during this period last year and the year before, at this time. In all of this, business activities also gradually limping back to normalcy.

The USP of Manipur has always been its cultural diversity and the numerous festivals that are celebrated. Ningol Chakkouba, Yaoshang, Cheroba, Thabal Chongba (Meitei festivals), Chavang Kut (Kuki festival), Lui-Ngai-Ni (Naga festival), besides Christman and Easter (for the Kukis and Nagas) have all been celebrated in the past few months with great zeal and fervour, thereby showcasing the aspirations of society at large, to return to normalcy. Of course, it is still a far cry from what existed earlier, where, in all these festivals, people of all the communities (Meiteis, Nagas and Kukis) would celebrate jointly. It is pertinent to mention here that eventually, that too is something that is not impossible, looking ahead.

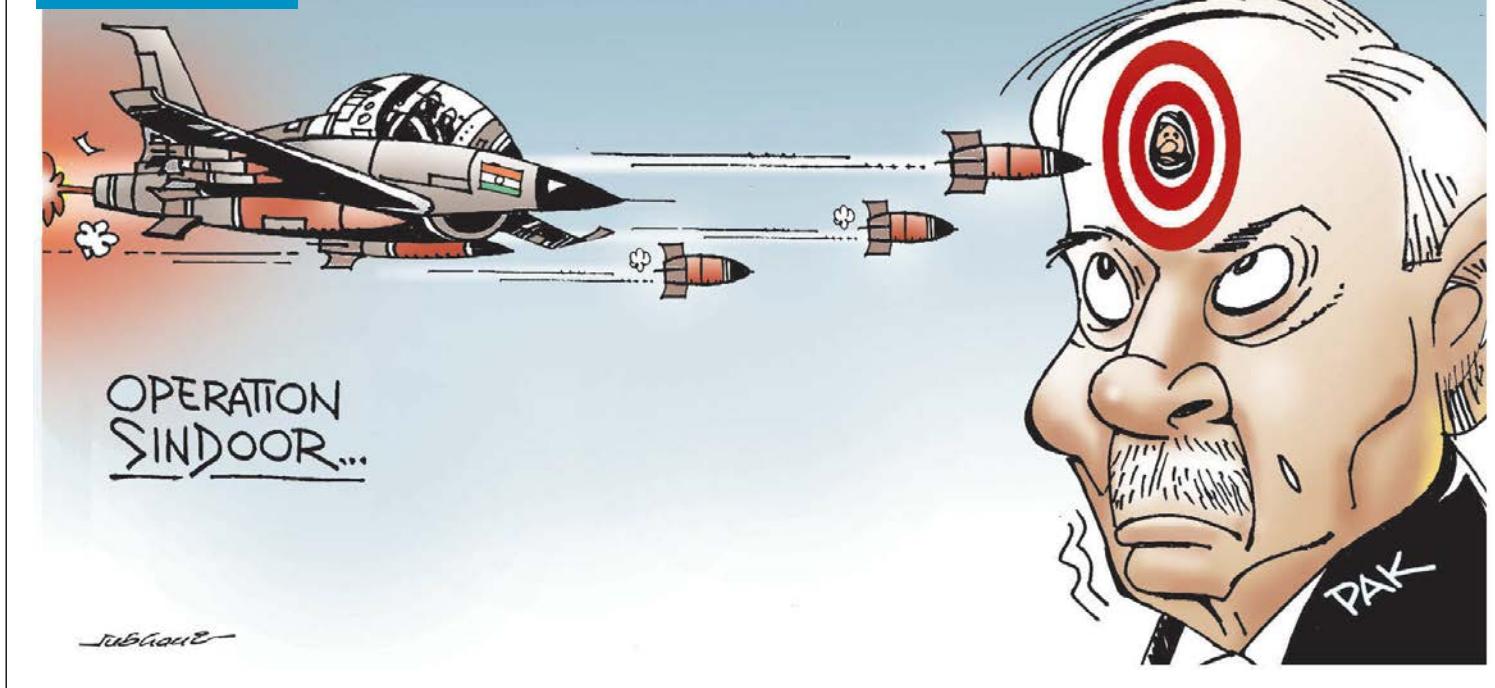
A major concern all along has been the re-settlement of the IDPs. It has been a compelling but challenging necessity; however, it is essential to know

that an initial resettlement has commenced in villages like Waraoiching, Manamjang and Haibung in Senapati district and L. Thinglaphi near Sugnu (Kachching district), which has set the stage for wider rehabilitation. Alongside, what has gone unnoticed is that a dialogue has been initiated between both communities which was held on April 5. While the outcome of the talks itself is not known, it is prudent to understand that at this stage, it is not necessary to know about the outcome either, given the sharp divide that exists between the two communities and given that the holding of a dialogue the two sides was being thought of as an impossibility just a few months ago.

A lot of criticism has happened in the media over the past two years, which has not only polarised both the communities, but in a broader sense has laid the field bare for interference and indulgence by countries and powers that are inimical to the interests of the Northeast in particular and India at large. The solution to the problem largely rests with the communities that are at loggerheads (by talks and meetings), besides unbiased governance (which, at the moment, appears to be happening). The security forces in the state have been the silent work force behind the baby steps towards normalcy. President's Rule, though not a permanent solution, has surely helped the state at this juncture.

The writer is a retired lieutenant-general who is a former director-general of the Assam Rifles and has extensively served in the Northeast

Subhani



Precision strike effective way to keep Pak in check

Syed Ata Hasnain



Pakistan has in its very usual way responded with a slew of fake news as the Inter Service Public Relations (ISPR) wing wrestles with perception management of the effective precision strikes by India.

the message of capability was not lost.

The locations in PoJK

were chosen across a wide

swathe of the frontage and based upon intelligence inputs. Many of these may have been vacated due to the expectation of a strike, but nevertheless the strike is valuable to the extent that we can always strike the next time without the trigger of an act, such as the Pahalgam attack. That is because the extension of any sense of proportion and rationalism to Pakistan's actions cannot be expected. If that were to happen, India should keep its arsenal dry for an immediate response, this time without awaiting any preparedness.

The international factor is of importance here. We have to bring international opinion on a focus towards the condemnation of Pakistan and declare it a state sponsoring trans-border terrorism. With the World Bank's Financial Action Task Force (FATF) we had succeeded in calling out Pakistan; that campaign had effectively forced Pakistan's hand to a limited extent. Pakistan needs to be placed on the "black list" of the FATF and its loans, etc, for which it aspires should be held back subject to its international behavior. India has probably accepted many advisories from the United States regarding escalation and rightly adhered to these. It's now time to raise the issue with not only the US but also several other powers, including the influential Middle Eastern countries with whom India has a higher grade of relationship. The military response is only a one-time measure, although it sends a huge message, but the lasting effect will be of continuing diplomacy to bring Pakistan to be recognised internationally as a pariah state.

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Hearty congratulations to the military for giving Pakistan a fitting reply to the Pahalgam tragedy. Excellent planning, precise execution and dedicated efforts have given a real revenge and fitting homage to those killed in Pahalgam.

Wg Cdr V. Sundaresan (Retd)

Secunderabad

India's true victory lies in retaliation, not tolerance or dialogue. By retaliating, India has boosted its military pride and sent a message to neighbours: it will not tolerate terrorism and is committed to peace.

Mansoor Dashti

Secunderabad

Congratulations to PM Narendra Modi and the armed forces. Op Sindoor, targeting terrorists' camps in Pakistan and PoK with surgical precision, while avoiding Pakistan's military bases, emphasises India's restraint, showcasing justice and strategic wisdom of a proud nation.

P.H. Hema Sagar

Secunderabad

India is proud of the armed forces for the flawless planning and execution of Operation Sindoor and destroying terrorist camps in Pakistan and PoK. The whole nation is together and all prepared, physically and emotionally, to counter if Pakistan retaliates.

Pranava Kumar

Hyderabad

Salute to the Indian armed forces. Wipe out terrorists, their camps, and teach Pakistan a befitting lesson. Jai Hind.

Abdul Mateen

Hyderabad

The action taken by IAF with support by ground forces under Operation Sindoor was precise and effective message to Pakistan.

N. Nagarajan

Hyderabad

It is not a war with Pakistan. The decades-old-old issue is now dealt with sternly consequent upon the Pahalgam tragedy.

N.S.K. Prasad

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SHORT TAKES

ACB arrests
discom staffer

Hyderabad: The ACB on Wednesday arrested A. Gnaneshwar, TGSPDCL assistant engineer, operations, of Pragathinagar, for demanding a 2-lakh bribe and accepting ₹10,000 for doing an official favour. Gnaneshwar had demanded the bribe from a contractor to issue a work completion order for a 63 KV transformer and installation of three-phase power connection meters. The contractor approached the ACB which mounted the operation. Gnaneshwar was remanded by a special court for ACB cases.

CONG. LEADER SLAMS BJP MP FOR REMARKS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MAY 7

Congress senior leader Mujahid Alam Khan on Wednesday strongly condemned the recent spate of what he called "inflammatory and communal statements" made by BJP Medak MP M. Raghunandan Rao. Terming them a deliberate attempt to stoke fear and polarise society on religious lines, Khan said the BJP MP's remarks reflected not only a dangerous mindset but also complete disregard for constitutional governance.

Khan questioned the BJP MP's alleged repeated targeting of madrasas and the Muslim community under the guise of national security. "It appears that Raghunandan Rao has forgotten that the BJP has been in power at the Centre since 2014. If there is any illegal infiltration of Bangladeshi or Pakistani nationals in Hyderabad, then what has the Union home ministry been doing all these years," he asked. Khan said these were baseless allegations which were not only misleading but a direct question mark on the efficiency of Union home minister Amit Shah and minister of state Bandi Sanjay.

Ridiculing Raghunandan Rao's demand that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy disclose the number of illegal foreigners, Khan said, "The data is maintained by the Union ministry of external affairs, which is under the BJP government, and he should seek Dr Jaishankar."

Uttam urges CWC to allocate water for PRLIS, Sammakka

Wants panel to assist with studies on Kaleshwaram barrage

BALU PULIPAKA | DC
HYDERABAD, MAY 7

Telangana has urged the Central Water Commission (CWC) to expedite water allocation to the Palamuru-Rangareddy lift irrigation scheme (PRLIS) and the Sammakka-Sarakka barrage projects, with irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy asking for 134 tmc ft of water for the two projects.

At a meeting with CWC chairman Atul Jain in New Delhi on Wednesday, Uttam Kumar Reddy said Telangana had complied with all of CWC's procedural and documentation requirements for the projects. To start with, Uttam Kumar Reddy urged CWC for an immediate allocation of 45 tmc ft for PRLIS, which can



Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy with Central Water Commission chairman Atul Jain in New Delhi on Wednesday.

lift 2 tmc ft of water a day from the Krishna and provide irrigation and drinking water to Mahabubnagar, Nalgarkurnool, Vikarabad, Rangareddy, and Nalgonda districts.

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The scheme can draw water for 60 days during the flood season using a series of five pumping stations.

For the Sammakka-Sarakka barrage, Uttam Kumar Reddy said the project required 44 tmc ft of water a year from Godavari. This 6.94 tmc ft capacity project, at Thupakulagudem in Mulugu district, is designed to stabilise irrigation for around 5.55 lakh hectares, and supply drinking water to several villages. The minister also asked the CWC to assist Telangana with

conducting a comprehensive geotechnical and structural review and to advise on corrective measures to restore and safeguard the Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundila barrages of the Kaleshwaram project as suggested by the National Dam Safety Authority in its report on the barrages.

Uttam Kumar Reddy, after the meeting, said he also discussed the issue of illegal diversion of Krishna river water by Andhra Pradesh, and the potential threat to Telangana from the backwaters of AP's Polavaram project. He said the CWC chairman responded positively and assured that the commission will act promptly on the issues discussed on Wednesday.

ENCROACHMENT CASES WILL SHIFT TO HYDRAA PS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MAY 7

Gavai praises Ramana, says he made justice accessible to all

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, MAY 7

Chief Justice of India-designate Justice B.R. Gavai praised former CJ Justice N.V. Ramana for his contribution to the judiciary and lauded his vision in making justice accessible to the people. "I think Justice Ramana must be one of the first Chief Justice of India who had broken that ice of the judges being isolated from the public," Justice Gavai said.

Speaking at the launch event of the book titled "Narratives off the Bench: A Judge Speaks", a collection of speeches delivered by Justice Ramana, in Delhi on Wednesday, Justice Gavai said: "He believed in going to the people. He believed in meeting the people. I think he was truly the people's Chief



CJI-designate Justice B.R. Gavai (left) speaks at the launch event of 'Narratives off the Bench: A Judge Speaks', a collection of speeches delivered by former CJ Justice N.V. Ramana, in Delhi on Wednesday. Supreme Court judges Justice Surya Kant and Justice Vikram Nath are also seen.

Justice of India." Supreme Court judges Justice Surya Kant and Justice Vikram Nath were present on the occasion. Justice Ramana said the book was not a commentary on legal doctrines but a compilation of his thoughts which he

had shared through various public speeches, and the thoughts which shaped over years of observations, reflections and inner dialogues. He said the book also reflected his experiences as a student leader, trade union activist, journalist, lawyer and judge.

"I have tried to crystallise these experiences into words. The judiciary is not a mere adjudicator of disputes. It is a symbol of constitutional morality. It is one of the last remaining spaces of hope for the common man."

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HC RESTRAINS SPF FROM HALTING CONSTRUCTION

Justice Pulla Karthik injunctioned the additional director-general of the Telangana Special Protection Force and other authorities from interfering with the ongoing construction of a residential house at Ameenpur in Sangareddy district. The judge was hearing a writ plea filed by Chintala Venkata Narayana and Kanta Reddy Ashok Reddy, who contended that they possessed a valid house construction permit for a plot situated at Ameenpur. The petitioners alleged that the Telangana Special Protection Force and Ameenpur police were obstructing their construction activity without authority or notice. Counsel for the petitioner also pointed out an earlier order passed in their favour in a writ plea, directing the authorities to issue notice and conduct an enquiry before interfering. The judge posted the matter after the summer vacation.

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reasoned order on or before May 14. The appellant has been directed to submit its explanation within three days.

EALTH VARSITY TOLD TO ACT ON SEAT PLEA

Justice Pulla Karthik directed Kalojni Narayana Rao University for Health Sciences to consider and pass an appropriate order by Thursday on a fresh representation to be submitted on Wednesday by Nova Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre, which sought consent of affiliation for enhancement of 100 MBBS seats. The direction was issued while dealing with a writ plea filed by the institute, challenging the inaction on the part of the university in acting on its representation dated January 20, 2025. The petitioner contended that the delay in issuing the consent of affiliation (COA) was arbitrary. Senior counsel Sunil Ganu, appearing for the petitioner, argued that the insistence on producing an essentiality or no objection certificate was not legally required. Counsel

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as Buddhism was witnessing a marked decline in the region.

The presence of two inscriptions from distinctly different religious traditions and time periods at the same site provides a compelling narrative. It highlights Buddhism's flourishing state in the 1st century BCE and its gradual decline by the 6th century CE with the rise of Hindu sects like the Kalamukhas.

These findings not only enrich the understanding of the Deccan's dynamic religious history but also open new avenues for archaeological and cultural research in Telangana," Dr Reddy added.

Inscriptions trace Buddhism rise, fall

PULI SHARATH KUMAR | DC
KARIMNAGAR, MAY 7

The epigraphical exploration in the Gundaram forest near Gattusingaram in Peddapalli district has shed light on the rise and decline of Buddhism at a single site over a span of six centuries, said E. Munirathnam Reddy, director (epigraphy), ASI, in a statement.

Archaeologists have deciphered two inscriptions etched on a rock formation locally known as Sitammalodi.

Dr Reddy said the first inscription, written in Prakrit language using the Brahmi script, dates to the 1st century BCE. It

records the donation of caves by a person from the Haritiputra lineage — likely connected to the Chutu dynasty — in honour of Kumara Hakusiri, a Satavahana prince.

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INDIA HAS no intent to escalate tensions but is prepared to "retaliate resolutely" if Pakistan does so.

— AJIT DOVAL
National Security Advisor

SHORT TAKES
PAK SCRAMBLES FOR RESPONSE AFTER STRIKES

VINEETA PANDEY | DC
with agencies input
NEW DELHI, MAY 7

Chaos and confusion reigned in Pakistan on Wednesday morning as a stunned nation scrambled to respond after India launched anti-terror strikes in the pitch dark of midnight. Among the dead were family members and close associates of Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) chief Masood Azhar.

With fireballs lighting up the nine terror centres targeted by Indian forces, Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif called emergency meetings with the armed forces, his Cabinet, and the National Security Committee (NSC). The Pakistani Prime Minister also addressed the National Assembly after the strikes, urging the opposition to unite and rally behind the current leadership in this grave situation.

CHINA CALLS ON INDIA, PAKISTAN FOR RESTRAINT

Beijing, May 7: China on Wednesday called on India and Pakistan to exercise maximum restraint in the "larger interest of peace and stability" of the region and said it will play a "constructive role" in easing the tensions by working with the international community.

"We are concerned about the ongoing situation," China's Foreign Ministry said after Indian armed forces early Wednesday carried out missile strikes on nine terror targets in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in retaliation for the Pahalgam terror attack.

"India and Pakistan are and will always be each other's neighbours. They are both China's neighbours as well," it said.



A journalist walks through the rubble of a mosque damaged by Op Sindoor in Muridke in Pakistan's Punjab province on Wednesday. — AP

INDIA USED RIGHT TO RESPOND, SAYS RAJNATH

FROM PAGE 1

The operation, which lasted from 1.05 am to 1.30 am, was witnessed live in the operations room by the Chief of Defence Staff and all three service chiefs, as well as the foreign secretary and top security officials. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was also monitoring the situation.

"Total surprise was achieved. Pakistan was caught totally unawares," a top security official said. Defence minister Rajnath Singh, said that India had used its "right to respond" to the Pahalgam terror attack and that the targets were destroyed as per plan. "We have followed the ideals of Lord Hanuman. Just as he said during the destruction of Asok Vatika — 'jin mohi maara, tin mohi maare' (I only struck those who attacked me) — we too have targeted only those who killed our innocent people," Singh said.

Five terrorist locations in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) and four in Pakistan's Punjab were targeted in precision strikes, including places associated with the 26/11 Mumbai attack, and the Gulmarg (2024), Poonch (2023), pilgrims (June 2024), Pathankot Air Force base and Pahalgam terror attacks. The terror locations hit in Pakistan's Punjab included the Jaish headquarters in Bahawalpur, 100 km from the international border.

The Lashkar-e-Taiba headquarters at Muzaffarabad, where 26/11 terrorist Ajmal Kasab and David Coleman Headley were trained, was hit four times by India. The Sawai Nala camp in Muzaffarabad, in PoK, a key LeT training facility, which was associated with terrorists involved in Pahalgam, was also targeted.

Union home minister Amit Shah said the strikes were a befitting reply to those who dare to challenge India's borders, military and citizens.

INDIA'S FIERCE REPLY

• Measured response • Intel monitoring • Terrorists brought to justice

SRIDHAR KUMARASWAMI | DC
NEW DELHI, MAY 7

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri on Wednesday described India's military strikes on terror targets in Pakistan and PoK as "measured, non-escalatory, proportionate, and responsible" response to the Pahalgam terrorist attack. He said that the country was focused on dismantling terrorist infrastructure and disabling terrorists, who are likely to be sent across to India.

The Foreign Secretary said "intelligence monitoring of Pakistan-based terrorist modules indicated that further attacks against India were impending," and added that "there was thus a compulsion both to deter and to pre-empt."

Pointing out that "it was deemed essential the perpetrators and planners of the April 22 Pahalgam attack be brought to justice," Misri said that "Pakistani and Pakistan-trained terrorists belonging to the Lashkar-e-Tayyaba (LeT) carried out the savage attack" on tourists in Pahalgam. He added that India's latest actions should be seen in the context of the recent UN Security Council (UNSC) call to "hold perpetrators, organisers, financiers, and sponsors of this (Pahalgam attack) reprehensible act of terrorism accountable and bring them to justice."

A group calling itself The Resistance Front (TRF) has claimed responsibility for the attack. This group is a front for the UN-proscribed Pakistani terrorist organisation, Lashkar-e-Tayyaba (LeT). It is notable that India provided inputs about the TRF in the half-yearly reports to the Monitoring Team of the UN's 1267 Sanctions Committee in May and November 2024, highlighting its role as a cover for Pakistan-based terrorist groups. Earlier too, in December 2023, India informed the Monitoring Team about LeT and Jaish-e-Mohammad operating through smaller terror groups such as TRF. Pakistan's pressure to remove references to TRF in the April 25 UN Security Council press statement is notable in this context."

The foreign secretary said that "investigations into the terror attack have revealed communication nodes linking the terrorists to and within Pakistan." He noted that "claims made by TRF and their reposting by known social media handles of the LeT speak for themselves," adding that "our intelligence has developed an accurate picture of the planners and backers of the team that carried out the Pahalgam terror attack." Misri further stated: "The attack in Pahalgam was marked by extreme barbarity, with the victims mostly killed by headshots from close range and in front of their families. Family members were deliberately traumatised by the manner of the killings, accompanied by exhortations to carry the message back."

Holed up in the Cantonment town of Rawalpindi, Pakistan, under the patronage of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), Gul, who also goes by the alias of Sajjad Ahmed Sheikh, has been a planner of a number of terror attacks, including

TERROR CAMPS DESTROYED BY INDIA IN OP SINDOOR

Abbas Terrorist Camp, Kotli



ABBAS, KOTLI
Nerve centre for training Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) suicide bombers; key infrastructure for 50+ terrorists.



BAHWALPUR
Primary base for JeM's planning and operations in the region.



GULPUR, KOTLI
Storage and training camp for terrorist operatives.



MARKAZ TAIBA
Headquarters and largest training centre of LeT; multiple strikes to ensure complete destruction.



MURIDKE
Secondary facility within Muridke complex, targeted to ensure no operational capability remained.



SARJAL, SIYALKOT
Training and logistics hub for cross-border terrorist infiltration.



SYEDNA BILAL
Important site for militant training and arms storage.



BARNALA
Used for recruitment and training of militants.



JEM'S COMMUNICATION NETWORK

THIS CRITICAL target was a long-standing concern for security agencies.

THE SITE housed a High Frequency communication setup that is essential for planning and coordinating activities with infiltrated terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir.

THE TARGET was crucial as communication with the infiltrated terrorists in J-K with their masters across the border could be dismantled.



INDIA BLOCKS ALL PRO-PAK SM HANDLES

SHASHI BHUSHAN | DC
NEW DELHI, MAY 7

India on Wednesday said Pakistan has unleashed a full-blown disinformation offensive against its decisive strike under "Operation Sindoor" in a desperate attempt to shift focus and control the narrative with a barrage of lies and digital theatrics.

To counter the Pakistani propaganda, the Centre has blocked social media accounts spreading fake news about Operation Sindoor and has debunked their claims with facts throughout the day.

"What started as a focused and effective military operation by the Indian Armed Forces has now spiralled into a chaotic online propaganda war. Pro-Pakistan social media handles and even influential political figures are deliberately spreading fake news, fabricating stories of miraculous military victories and heroic retaliation," an official said.

10 of Masood Azhar family killed in blast

Lahore, May 7: Jaish-e-Mohammad chief Maulana Masood Azhar acknowledged on Wednesday that 10 members of his family and four close associates were killed in India's missile attack on the outfit's headquarters in Bahawalpur.

A statement attributed to Azhar said those killed in the attack on Jamia Masjid Subhan Allah in Bahawalpur included the JeM chief's elder sister and her husband, a nephew and his wife, another niece, and five children from his extended family.

The statement further mentioned that the attack also claimed the lives of

one of Azhar's close associates and his mother, along with two other close companions.

"This act of brutality has broken all boundaries. There should be no expectation of mercy now," it added.

Bahawalpur became the hub of the JeM after the release of Azhar in exchange for the hijacked passengers of IC-814 in 1999.



Pakistan army soldiers attend the funeral of the victims of a suspected Indian missile strike incident, in Muridke, in Punjab province on Wednesday. — PTI

KASAB'S TERROR CAMP ALSO RAZED

New Delhi, May 7: The nine targets struck under "Operation Sindoor," four in Pakistan and five in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, were chosen by the IAF after receiving intelligence inputs about terror camps operating under the guise of health centres to evade detection at these sites, officials said on Wednesday.

Those targeted in the missile strikes launched by India in the aftermath of the April 22 killing of

tourists at Pahalgam included the headquarters of globally banned terror groups Jaish-e-Mohammed and Lashkar-e-Taiba, besides Hizbul Mujahideen.

The targeted sites also included Lashkar-e-Taiba training camps linked to the 26/11 Mumbai attacks (including Ajmal Kasab's training) and the group's Muridke (Pakistan's Punjab) headquarters, visited by David Headley and Tahawwur Rana.

— PTI

CRUCIAL EVIDENCE

Agency believes tourists, others may have inadvertently or inadvertently got relevant details

NIA asks people to share info on Pahalgam attack

AMRESH SRIVASTAVA | DC
NEW DELHI, MAY 7

graphs and videos showing various aspects of the attack and is examining them.

It has now decided to intensify its efforts to ensure that no useful information or evidence is overlooked in its investigation into the horrendous crime against humanity, officials in the probe agency said.

In an appeal issued on Wednesday via its official website and social media handles, the NIA urged a

such individuals to contact the agency on mobile number 9654958816 and/or landline number 011-24368800, and to provide their personal details along with the nature of the information or inputs they wish to share. A senior NIA official will then connect with the caller and arrange for the relevant information, photographs, or videos to be shared with the agency, the agency said in a statement.

The agency has already taken possession of a sizable number of photo-

The NIA, which is officially investigating the attack, is keen to examine all such information, photographs, and videos in detail to search for any possible clues about the assailants and their modus operandi.

Tourists and others may have, inadvertently or inadvertently, seen, heard, or captured some relevant detail that could help the NIA unravel the conspiracy behind the unprecedented targeted attack on

tourists in Kashmir. Several photographs and videos have been found circulating on various social media platforms after the terrorist attack that killed 26 tourists and left several others injured on April 22 this year. The anti-terror agency plans to thoroughly examine all of these, along with any other information that may be in the possession of those who were in the area on or

before the fateful day. NIA teams have been camping in Pahalgam to examine the attack site for evidence and have also been questioning witnesses of the horrendous crime.

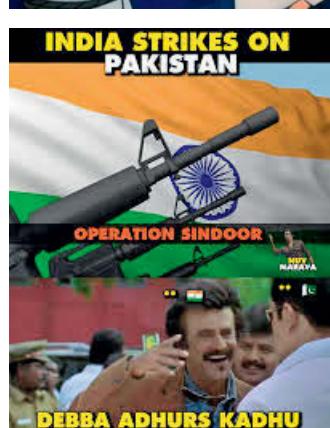
A security personnel keeps vigil during a search operation at Pampore in Pulwama district, J&K, on Wednesday after Operation Sindoor. — PTI



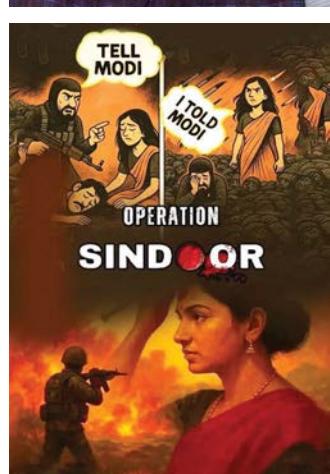
OPERATION SINDOOR



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Pakistan has threatened the world that if any country stands with India they will not repay their loans.



GILVESTER ASSARY | DC
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, MAY 7

Aarthi R. Menon, daughter of N. Ramachandran, one of the 26 victims of the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, said her family is proud of Indian forces who decimated terrorist camps in Pakistan as part of Operation Sindoor.

Aarthi said the response of Indian forces had given comfort to their family. She told reporters in Kochi: "We woke up to this news today. Like every Indian, we were also waiting to see when and how this would happen. It brings comfort to me and my entire family. While our loss cannot be compensated, we are

NATION ROARS FOR SINDOOR

● Grief turns resolve ● Justice through strikes ● Victims' families reassured



People burst firecrackers and wave the tricolour as they hail Operation Sindoor, in Prayagraj, on Wednesday. Indian armed forces carried out missile strikes on terror targets in Pakistan and PoK under Operation Sindoor, in retaliation for the Pahalgam terror attack.

—PTI

Pahalgam attack victims share relief over midnight attack

BHASKAR HARI SHARMA
NEW DELHI, MAY 7

A sense of satisfaction and relief was collectively shared by the families of the Pahalgam terror attack victims after the Indian armed forces carried out missile strikes under Operation Sindoor on nine terror targets in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir. The targets included the Jaish-e-Mohammed stronghold in Bahawalpur and Lashkar-e-Taiba's base in Muridke, among other terror locations.

"Terrorists will think a hundred times before acting again," said Rajesh Narwal, father of Lt Vinay Narwal, praising India's



Women across India celebrate surgical strike, honouring justice and bravery.

response. "I had said that such a thing (retaliatory strikes) must be done so that no one dares to commit such a cowardly act again... The strikes on the terror targets will resonate in their minds

forever," Narwal added.

Married just three weeks ago, Vinay Narwal (26), accompanied by his wife Himanshi, was on honeymoon in Pahalgam when terrorists shot him at point-blank range. Family mem-

bers of Indian Air Force Corporal Tage Hailiyang, who was among those killed in the Pahalgam terror attack, also hailed Operation Sindoor, saying it is time the government dismantled all terror networks so that no other family suffers as they have. Charo Kamhua Tage, the grieving wife of Corporal Hailiyang, expressed both sorrow and resolve as she called upon the Indian government to intensify its crackdown on terrorism.

"We have lost a beloved son of the soil. My husband could have fled the scene. But being a soldier, he died while helping others escape," she said, expressing full support for Operation Sindoor.

RIGHT DECISION, SAYS PAHALGAM VICTIM'S MOTHER

M.B. GIRISH
BENGALURU, MAY 7

Operation Sindoor received strong support from both the family of Manjunath Rao, a victim of the Pahalgam terror attack, and top political leaders in Karnataka on Wednesday.

Manjunath Rao, a businessman from Shivamogga, was one of 26 tourists killed in a terrorist attack at Baisaran Valley, Pahalgam, in Jammu and Kashmir on April 22. He was shot dead in front of his wife Pallavi and son Abhijith, who were spared by the attackers. The family trip tragically ended in sorrow. Sumathi, Manjunath's mother, described Modi's decision to carry out Operation Sindoor as "appropriate" and "timely". "Modi's decision to strike terrorist dens was well thought out and came at the right time,"

Operation Sindoor: Strike for justice, but pain remains

GOUTAMI SENGUPTA | DC
HYDERABAD, MAY 7

Since morning, many families across the country have been watching the news closely. The Indian Army has launched airstrikes on terrorist camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. This mission, called Operation Sindoor, is seen as a response to the deadly terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, where 26 people were killed.

In West Bengal's Patharghat village in Nadia district, the family of Martyr Jhantu Ali Sheikh is grieving but also feeling proud.

Jhantu was a brave soldier of the 6 Para Special Forces. He was killed in an encounter in Udhampur, shortly after the Pahalgam attack. His wife, Shahnaz, watched the news with tears in her eyes. Every time she saw an explosion on TV, she wiped her tears



and said, "Finally, there has been a reply." Her 12-year-old son, who had carried his father's coffin, smiled slightly while watching the strikes. Jhantu's father, Sabur Sheikh, said, "Now my son can rest in peace."

Jhantu's elder brother, Subedar Rafiqul Sheikh, also serves in the Indian Army. He proudly said, "My brother was part of this fight."

This victory is his." He thanked the Army and the government for acknowledging the pain of the

people. But not everyone feels peace. Shabari, the wife of victim Sameer Guha, is still in shock. Sameer had gone on a trip to Kashmir with his wife and daughter when he was shot dead by terrorists. Now, Shabari is burdened with responsibilities — her daughter is in Class 12, and there is a home loan to repay. Sameer was the only earning member of the family. "Justice is not complete yet. The terrorists must be fully eliminated," she said.

We found some peace, says victim's daughter

GILVESTER ASSARY | DC
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, MAY 7

Kerala health minister Veena George with Pahalgam victim N. Ramachandran Nair's wife Sheela and daughter Arathi, at their residence in Kochi the other day.

happy and proud that this has taken place," Ramachandran, 65, a native of Edappally in Kochi, was shot in front of Arathi and her two children in Pahalgam

on April 22.

"India has done it. We successfully targeted and dismantled nine terrorist camps. These terrorists brutally killed unarmed innocent people, in front of their wives, parents, children and grandchildren. It was a cowardly act."

Aarthi said: I am incredibly proud of Indian forces, our values and our principles. We are not targeting innocent people. Instead, we are taking down those who commit such brutal crimes against humanity. Once again, our actions reinforce and communicate our values and principles. The world has witnessed this, and we as proud Indians stand united today." "My

mother and I watched the news together and we both feel that justice is being served. We were waiting and our forces were also waiting for the right moment. My mother and our family have found some comfort in what has happened," she said. "We will support all actions taken by our country and our forces in pursuing the perpetrators of the Pahalgam terror attack. This is the right response as it sends a clear message that anyone who tries to attack us will face a suitable response." On the Kashmiri youth Musafir and Sameer who stood by their family on the day of the brutal attack, Arathi stated: All Kashmiris are Indians. Like all of us.

THE STRIKES carried out by Indian armed forces against targets in Pakistan and PoK is a befitting reply from India to those who dare to challenge our borders, military and citizens.

—AMIT SHAH
Union home minister

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RECORD OF SURGICAL STRIKES

Meghdoot Operation: 13 April 1984

India launched Operation Meghdoot and successfully occupied the Siachen Glacier, securing strategic high ground.

Chamb Raid:
22 January 2000
Indian soldiers attacked a Pakistan Army post from three directions in the Iftikharabad sub-sector (Chamb area). Seven Pakistani soldiers were captured and killed. The raid was seen as retaliation for the loss of Lt. Saurabh Kalia and four soldiers of 4 Jat during the Kargil War.

Akbar Raid:
August 2000
Following the Kargil War, Indian troops raided a Pakistani post. Fourteen Pakistani soldiers, including an officer who was the son of a senior Pakistani commander, were killed.

Bhimber Attack:
18 September 2003
An Indian attack on a Pakistani post near Bhimber Gali in Poonch killed a JCO and three Pakistani soldiers. One was allegedly decapitated. Pakistan complained to the UNMOGIP.

Bhattal Strike:
29 August 2011
Indian para commandos conducted a covert cross-border strike on a Pakistani post in the Bhattal sector of Poonch.

Surgical Strikes:
28 September 2016
India carried out surgical strikes across the Line of Control targeting militant launch pads in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. Casualty estimates ranged from 35 to 50.

Balakot Strike:
26 February 2019
The Indian Air Force conducted an airstrike on a Jaish-e-Mohammed facility in Balakot, Pakistan, in response to the Pulwama terror attack. India described it as a preemptive, non-military action.

INDO-PAK ARMED CONFLICTS (1947-1999)

1947-1948:
First Indo-Pak War
Conflict erupted in October 1947 over Jammu and Kashmir after Pakistan-backed tribal militias invaded the princely state. Following its accession to India, Indian troops intervened. A UN-mediated ceasefire in January 1949 established the Line of Control (LoC), dividing Kashmir.

1965: Second Indo-Pak War
In August 1965, Pakistan launched 'Operation Gibraltar' to infiltrate Jammu and Kashmir. India responded with a full-scale offensive. The war ended in September with a ceasefire brokered by the USSR and the US.

1971: Bangladesh Liberation War
India joined the war in December 1971 after Pakistan's military crackdown in East Pakistan. The conflict ended with Pakistan's surrender and the creation of

Bangladesh on December 16.

1999: Kargil War
Pakistani troops and militants occupied key heights in the Kargil sector. India launched 'Operation Vijay' to recapture the territory. The conflict ended in July with India regaining control.

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SVC EESHWAR70MM

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SVC YADAGIRI70

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"Let us congratulate the Indian armed forces and Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the strike. It was a precision strike that destroyed nine terrorist camp sites. This time, the video footage of the airstrike is available, leaving no scope for anyone to seek proof of it."

— DEVENDRA FADNAVIS, Maharashtra Chief Minister

"Terrorist hideouts targeted without harming civilians, showing strength of 56-inch chest."

— MOHAN YADAV, MP CM

"Operation Sindoor is India's retaliation against 'Atanistan' (a reference to Pakistan). Shaurya Tejah Sanyamash, yatra Bharatsainik, Vijayam teshu nityam syat, jayatu Bharat Mata (wherever there are Indian armed forces, there is valour, strength and discipline. May they always be triumphant — victory be to Mother India).

— PUSHKAR SINGH DHAMI, Uttarakhand Chief Minister

"I salute the extraordinary courage of our armed forces behind Operation Sindoor. Their heroic action reaffirms that India will never tolerate terror in any form. Karnataka joins the nation in expressing unwavering solidarity with our forces."

— SIDDARAMAIAH, Karnataka Chief Minister

"Jai Hind! Jai India!"

— MAMATA BANERJEE, West Bengal Chief Minister

"It's just the beginning. I am sure the Indian military will take steps to eliminate the terror camps established behind Pakistan Army positions along the border."

— A.K. ANTONY, Former defence minister

"India has an unflinching National Policy against all forms of terrorism emanating from Pakistan and PoK. We are extremely proud of our Indian Armed Forces who have stuck terror camps in Pakistan and PoK."

— MALLIKARJUN KHARGE, Congress president

"A set of calibrated, calculated, precise strikes against terror targets. Exactly what I had advocated last week: hit hard, hit smart. I applaud the government and stand solidly with our armed forces."

— SHASHI THAROO, Congress MP



INDIA'S military scripted history by acting with precision, precaution and compassion in destroying terror camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir under Operation Sindoor.

— RAJNATH SINGH, Defence minister

Indian embassy asks China's official daily to verify reports

Pro-Pak handles spread baseless claims in the context of Op Sindoor

Beijing, May 7: The Indian Embassy here has cautioned China's state-run tabloid *Global Times* to verify messages before posting them on social media on Indian military strikes targeting Pakistan's terror infrastructure on Wednesday.

Dear @globaltimesnews we would recommend you verify your facts and cross-examine your sources before pushing out this kind of disinformation, the Indian Embassy said in a post on X.

Several pro-Pakistan handles are spreading baseless claims in the context of #OperationSindoor, attempting to mislead the public. When media outlets share such information without verifying sources, it reflects a serious lapse in responsibility and journalistic ethics, it said, questioning the daily's posts on Pakistan Air Force claims.

The Indian Embassy's post also pointed to a Press Information Bureau (PIB) fact-check post on X about pro-Pakistan handles showing an IAF jet crashed in India's Punjab in 2021.

Beware of old images shared by pro-Pakistan handles in the present context! An old image showing a crashed aircraft is being circulated with the claim that Pakistan recently shot down an Indian Rafale jet near Bahawalpur during the ongoing #OperationSindoor," the PIB post said. "This image is from an earlier incident involving an IAF MiG-21 fighter jet that crashed in Moga district in Punjab in 2021," it added.

Global Times had run reports using old images of crashed aircraft in the context of Operation Sindoor, as part of which India launched 24 precision missile strikes in nine locations that were identified as hubs of terrorist activity.

Since the Pahalgam terrorist attack, China, Pakistan's ironclad ally, while condemning it, has called for restraint, besides a fair and swift investigation into the attack.

In his reaction posted on X, Union home minister Amit Shah said,



President Droupadi Murmu with Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a meeting regarding Operation Sindoor, at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi on Wednesday.

— PTI

Political parties united in support of air strikes

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, MAY 7

All political parties unequivocally supported India's air strikes against terror camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir under the Operation Sindoor.

The BJP on Wednesday hailed Operation Sindoor with a message "Dharma Rakshati Rakshitam (dharma protects the one who protects dharma)" and as a decision taken by the Modi government against the Pahalgam terrorist attack.

Hailing India's action, BJP leaders and supporters used the hashtag #DharmaRakshatiRakshitam on social media to express their support for avenging the Pahalgam terrorist attack victims. The Sanskrit phrase is used by Yadhishthira in his conversation with Yaksha about dharma in the Mahabharata. The RSS termed the airstrikes as the beginning of justice for the Pahalgam victims under Operation Sindoor.

In his reaction posted on X, Union home minister Amit Shah said, "From the day of the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, the Indian National Congress has unequivocally stood in solidarity with the armed forces and the Government, and supported every decisive action against cross-border terrorism. India's national policy against all forms of terrorism emanating from Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK) is very clear and unwavering," Kharge said.

The Congress has also halted all its programmes.

"#OperationSindoor is Bharat's response to the brutal killing of Indians in Pahalgam. Proud of our armed forces. The Modi government is resolved to give a befitting response to any attack on India and its people. Bharat remains firmly committed to eradicating terrorism from its roots."

Saluting the bravery and patriotism of the Indian Armed Forces, the Congress said they have given a "bold and decisive response" to the Pahalgam terrorist attack and declared that the party stands shoulder-to-shoulder with the brave soldiers of the country. The Congress Working Committee (CWC) also extended its "full support" to the Indian forces and their precise strikes on terror hideouts.

Following the CWC meeting, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi addressed the media, saying, "We held discussions (on Operation Sindoor) in the Working Committee. Full support to our forces. Best wishes to them. Much love to them.

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PAK TROOPS FIRED ARTILLERY IN BHIMBER, SAYS ARMY

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The pounding with 122 mm artillery guns and other variants left a trail of destruction with several houses reduced to rubble from Poonch to Uri sector in Baramulla district to Karnah-Keran in neighbouring Kupwara. It also prompted hundreds of families living near the de facto border to abandon their homes and relocate to safer places. Some defence installations also suffered damage, the reports said.

The officials said soon after the Indian armed forces carried out Operation Sindoor, the Pakistani Army and Rangers resorted to arbitrary firing including artillery shelling from posts across the LoC and IB opposite J&K.

The Indian Army said that innocent civilians lost their lives in "indiscriminate" firing and shelling" by the Pakistan troops and that it is responding in "proportionate manner." The worst hit was Poonch where all the 12, or 14, deaths took place and scores of residential houses and other structures were damaged in the Pakistani shelling.

"From the day of the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, the Indian National Congress has unequivocally stood in solidarity with the armed forces and the Government, and supported every decisive action against cross-border terrorism. India's national policy against all forms of terrorism emanating from Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK) is very clear and unwavering," Kharge said.

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"IT'S A SHAME we just heard about it just as we were walking in the doors of the Oval. I guess people knew something was going to happen based on a little bit of the past

— DONALD TRUMP, U.S. President



Doval speaks to US, UK counterparts

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NATIONAL SECURITY
Adviser Ajit Doval spoke to his counterparts in the US, UK, Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Japan.

Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the PRC Wang Yi, and the Diplomatic Adviser to the French President Emmanuel Bonne," the official added.

Doval will remain in contact with his counterparts in the coming days.

HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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PUBLIC NOTICE

No. 001235/BP/HMDA/0352/MED/2025

It is to inform that, Smt. Chiruprati Krishna Verma have filed an application for Revision Permission for Building (Doctors Clinic) consisting of 1 Stfl + 4 Upper Floors in plot no.1557 in Sy.Nos. 165, 166, 167, 178 and 179 situated at Bachupally Village, Nizampet Municipal Corporation, Medchal-Malkajgiri Dist to extent of 222.92 Sq. Mrs vide File No.008241/BP/HMDA/1679/MED/2022.

The concerned person/s and the legal/management holders of Revision Permission for Building (Doctors Clinic) consisting of 1 Stfl + 4 Upper Floors in plot no.1557 in Sy.Nos. 165, 166, 167, 178 and 179 situated at Bachupally Village, Nizampet Municipal Corporation, Medchal-Malkajgiri Dist to extent of 222.92 Sq. Mrs vide File No.008241/BP/HMDA/1679/MED/2022, may file their objections/suggestions in writing within 15 days to this office from the date of publication of this notice with regard to the charges made. If no objections/suggestions are received within the stipulated period, the request of the applicant for Revision Permission for Building (Doctors Clinic) consisting of 1 Stfl + 4 Upper Floors in plot no.1557 in Sy.Nos. 165, 166, 167, 178 and 179 situated at Bachupally Village, Nizampet Municipal Corporation, Medchal-Malkajgiri Dist to extent of 222.92 Sq. Mrs vide File No.008241/BP/HMDA/1679/MED/2022 will be considered based on the material papers available with this office.

DIPR No.118-PPCL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2025-26 for Metropolitan Commissioner, Director, Planning-LHMDA

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice

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Description of work: Improvement of various yards in PRN-CNB section under ADEN/CNB Sub-Division.

E-Tender No.	Approx Cost	Earnest Money
JHS-ENG-C-2025-73	₹ 40989400.07	₹ 355000.00

Date of closing Tender: 05.06.2025 at 15:00 hrs. **Date of completion / period from issue acceptance letter:** 12 Months. * Tender on line can be submitted up to 15:00 hrs. on 05.06.2025 * For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.irps.gov.in. 79/25 FA

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Pak social media spins old images, fake claims

MAYANK TIWARI | DC
HYDERABAD, MAY 7



An old image with false claims spreads on social media minutes after Operation Sindoor. — DC

Some viral posts claiming an aircraft shootdown near Bahawalpur were debunked by the PIB, which confirmed the image was from a 2021 MiG-21 crash in Punjab. A widely shared video alleging a surrender at Chora Post was promoted by Pakistan

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SHORT TAKES

FINNISH FIGHTER JET CRASHES, PILOT EJECTS

Rovaniemi, Finland, May 7: A Finnish F/A-18 Hornet fighter jet crashed on Wednesday near the Rovaniemi airport in Finland's Arctic north, but the pilot was rescued after ejecting, the armed forces said.

No details were available about the cause of the crash, which occurred "in the Rovaniemi airport area" around 11.00 a.m. (0800 GMT), the military said.

Dark smoke could be seen rising from the scene and several emergency vehicles were dispatched to the area, public service broadcaster YLE said.

RECLAIMING HARBOUR: HK LOOSENS RULES

Hong Kong, May 7: Hong Kong passed a law on Wednesday that made it easier for the government to create new land through reclamation in the city's famed Victoria Harbour despite objections from environmental activists.

Land reclamation was central to the Chinese city's economic growth for decades but shifting public opinion since the 1990s led to stringent legal rules that required projects to establish an "overriding public need".

Officials called those rules "restrictive" and proposed a bill last year to fast-track smaller projects.

DRONE STRIKE TARGETS NAVY BASE IN SUDAN

Port Sudan, May 7: A drone strike targeted Sudan's biggest naval base on Wednesday, an Army source told AFP, marking the fourth straight day the seat of the Army-backed government has come under attack.

"They (the drones) were met with anti-aircraft missiles," the source said on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to speak to the media.

An AFP correspondent reported that a series of explosions and then a cloud of smoke coming from the direction of the Flamingo Base, just north of the city.

TRAFFICKING OF PEOPLE: HUNGARY TAKEN TO COURT

Brussels, May 7: The European Commission on Wednesday said it will take Hungary to the EU's top court for breaching rules on combatting people-trafficking, in the latest showdown between Brussels and the Hungarian government.

Brussels launched legal action in 2023 after Budapest decided to release and expel several thousand jailed migrant traffickers on the grounds holding them in Hungarian prisons was a burden to the taxpayer.

An April 2023 decree by Prime Minister Viktor Orban's government enabled the smugglers' release.

PROTECTED ANTS: KENYA COURT FINES 4 PEOPLE

Nairobi, May 7: A Kenyan court on Wednesday fined four people, including two Belgian teenagers, more than \$7,000 for attempting to smuggle thousands of live ants out of the country.

The case has received considerable attention after the Kenyan Wildlife Service (KWS) accused the four of engaging in "bio-piracy".

David Lornoy and Seppe Lodewijckx, both 18 of Belgium, Duh Hung Nguyen of Vietnam and Dennis Nganga of Kenya all pleaded guilty to possession of the ants, but denied seeking to traffic them.

6 KILLED IN ATTACK IN NIGERIAN STATE

Jos, Nigeria, May 7: Gunmen killed six people in an attack on a village in a central Nigerian region that has seen a rise in religious tensions, authorities said on Tuesday.

Several people were also wounded in the attack in Marit in the Barkin district of Plateau state, a spokesperson for the local government said while speaking to reporters.

"We were sleeping in the night, we heard gunshots. We don't know what we did to these people. They don't want to leave us in peace," said one villager, David Davou.

Strikes on Gaza school housing displaced, market claim 38 lives

Trump: Only 21 hostages believed to be alive; Hamas commander killed

Cairo, Gaza, Washington, Sidon May 7: Israeli strikes on a school housing displaced families and by a crowded market and restaurant in Gaza City killed at least 38 people on Wednesday, local health authorities said.

Medics said two strikes targeted the Karama School in Tuffah, a suburb of Gaza City, killing 15. Later in the day, an Israeli strike near a restaurant and market in the city killed at least 23 people, including women and children, medics said.

Reuters footage showed wounded men being rushed away on the back of pickups and carts. Ambulances sped down shattered streets and a woman in tears carried a baby away from the scene, with two young children beside her.

An image posted on social media showed what appeared to be a family of three — mother, father and son — lying dead on the street in pools of blood. The young boy was carrying a pink backpack. Reuters could not immediately verify the image that was purportedly from the scene of the Tuffah strike. There was no immediate Israeli comment.

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Palestinians collect belongings from a school used as a shelter by displaced residents that was hit twice by Israel, in Gaza Strip's Bureij, on Wednesday. — AP

He said the school housed 300 families.

President Donald Trump said on Tuesday that three hostages held by Hamas in Gaza have died, leaving only 21 believed to be still living. "As of today it's 21, three have died," Trump said of the hostages he was held by Hamas, noting until recently it had been 24 people believed to be living. He did not elaborate on the identities of those now believed to be dead, nor how he had come to learn of their deaths.

"There's 21, plus a lot of dead bodies," Trump said. There was no immediate Israeli comment.

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Second US warplane falls off aircraft carrier

Washington, May 7: A multi-million-dollar US warplane failed to land on the Harry S. Truman aircraft carrier and plummeted into the Red Sea on Tuesday, the US military said, the second jet lost from the ship in just over a week. The two-seat F/A-18F Super Hornet fighter jet, worth around \$67 million, went overboard after an unsuccessful attempt to slow it down as it landed, the US Central Command said.

A defence official told AFP the hook of the aircraft failed to catch the arresting wire on the aircraft carrier. The arrestment failed, causing the aircraft to go overboard, the official said, adding "both aviators safely ejected and were rescued by the search and rescue helicopter."

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Nifty 50	24,414.40
S&P 500*	5,630.80
Dollar (\$)	84.82
Pound Sterling (\$)	113.10
Euro (\$)	96.33
Gold (10gm)* (\$)	97,246 ▲245
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	61.93
IN 10-Yr bond yield	6.337 -0.013
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	4.328 0.01

* As of 8:30 PM IST

MRF reports 29% increase in net to ₹512 crore

Tyre maker MRF on Wednesday reported 29.28 per cent increase in consolidated net profit from continuing operations at ₹512.11 crore for March quarter FY25 against ₹396.11 crore same period in year-ago, riding on higher sales. Revenue from operations in the quarter under review stood at ₹7,074.82 crore as against ₹6,349.36 crore in the year-ago period, it added. Total expenses are at ₹6,526.87 crore in FY25, MRF said.



PNB sees Q4 net profit rise 52% to ₹4,567 crore

State-owned Punjab National Bank (PNB) on Wednesday reported 52 per cent rise in net profit at ₹4,567 crore for March quarter FY25. It had earned a net profit of ₹3,010 crore in the year-ago period. During the quarter, the bank's total income increased to ₹36,705 crore from ₹32,361 crore a year ago, PNB said. Interest income grew to ₹31,989 crore from ₹28,113 crore in fourth quarter of previous financial year.

Welspan Corp secures export order of ₹1,950 cr

Welspan Corp Ltd (WCL) has secured an export order worth ₹1,950 crore for supply of line pipes and bends. With these new orders, its current consolidated global order book stands at around ₹19,300 crore, the company said. WCL said that the receipt of a prestigious export order for the supply of coated longitudinal submerged arc welding (LSAW) line pipes and bends from India cumulatively valued at ₹1,950 crore.

AWS set to offer marketplace in India this year

Amazon Web Services (AWS) on Wednesday said it is set to launch AWS Marketplace - a platform to discover and transact software solutions - later this year in India. The marketplace, where customers can discover software, data, and services from across thousands of AWS Partners, will enable transactions in Indian rupees. Customers will be able to pay using options like net banking, credit cards, and UPI.

Will prescribe tariff levels, concessions, says Trump

Washington, May 7: US President Donald Trump said he would prescribe tariff levels and trade concessions for partners looking to avoid higher duties, appearing to move away from the idea that he would engage in back-and-forth negotiations.

"We're going to put very fair numbers down, and we're going to say, here's what this country wants. And congratulations, we have a deal. And they'll either say 'great,' and they'll start shopping, or they'll say 'not good,'" Trump said Tuesday at the White House as he met with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

"It'll be a low number. We're not looking to hurt countries," he added.

The meeting comes just a week after the Canadian Liberal Party won an election in which Carney vowed to strengthen his country's economic independence and protect its sovereignty from the US President, who has openly mused about making Canada the 51st state.

With Carney, Trump indicated that he would strike a friendlier relationship than the one he had with former PM Justin Trudeau.

"There's no reason for us to be subsidising Canada," Trump said.

Trump's comments come as US trading partners rush to negotiate with the administration to avoid higher levies. The President had earlier said the first deals could come as soon as this week. But his latest comments indicate he could continue to change his approach, which could further roil financial markets that have struggled with uncertainty surrounding his trade policy.

HAZE PERSISTS

TRUMP APPLIED tariffs of 10% and 25% to Canada in March, while excluding certain goods covered under the North American trade pact.

 TRUMP SAID he had already gotten some nations to agree to concessions, saying India had agreed to roll back tariffs on American goods.

Bitcoin rallies 3.2% to \$97,914 on optimism

New York, May 7: Bitcoin rose for a second day as optimism over a potential de-escalation in the US-China tariff stand-off bolstered demand for riskier assets.

The largest digital asset rose as much as 3.2 per cent to top \$97,714 before paring gains. Ether climbed 4.2 per cent.

The rally followed news that US treasury secretary Scott Bessent and trade representative Jamieson Greer will meet with the Chinese government this week in

Switzerland, raising hopes that the world's two largest economies can reach an agreement that may ease trade tensions. Digital asset brokerage FalconX has seen "renewed interest for Bitcoin topside" with the market "appearing optimistic that the trade talks over the weekend will be positive," said Sean McNulty, derivatives trading lead of APAC at the company.

Digital asset investors will also have an eye on US Federal Reserve's action. — Bloomberg

Trump said he was tired of questions about when deals would be struck.

"We don't have to sign deals. We could sign 25 deals right now if we wanted," he said. "We will sign some deals. But much bigger than that is we're going to put down the price that people are going to have to pay to shop in the United States."

Trump said he had already gotten some nations to agree to concessions, saying India had agreed to roll back tariffs on American goods.

Trump insisted there are merits to Canada joining the US. Carney, after the meeting, told reporters he asked Trump to stop calling Canada the 51st state.

— Bloomberg

Meta purges 23K FB pages in March

MADHUSUDAN SAHOO
NEW DELHI, MAY 7

Social media giant Meta on Wednesday said that it removed clusters of scam activity totalling over 23,000 Facebook pages and accounts in March, that primarily targeted people in Brazil and India.

It said scammers used deepfakes, among other techniques, falsely depicting popular personal finance content creators, cricket players and business figures in Brazil and India, endorsing scam investment apps and gambling websites.

The scammers redirected people to messaging apps for 'investment' advice' and to a fake website that mimicked the Google Play store to download scam gambling apps.

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HUDCO REPORTS 3.9% RISE IN Q4 NET PROFIT TO ₹727 CR

FC BANKING BUREAU
MUMBAI, MAY 7

Housing and Urban Development Corp (HUDCO) is targeting to have zero bad loans in the next 18 months as there have been no new slips in FY25 and it is actively resolving the cases of legacy stressed assets through the bankruptcy courts and one-time settlements.

HUDCO posted a 4 per cent increase in its March quarter consolidated net profit to ₹22,74 crore. Its total income rose to ₹2,854.91 crore in March quarter of FY25 from ₹2,194.04 crore in year-ago period. Its net profit increased to ₹2,709.14 crore in FY25 from ₹2,116.69 crore in the preceding year.

Its loan disbursements rose 123 per cent to ₹40,038 crore in FY25 from ₹17,987 cr in FY24. "This year we are targeting to disburse ₹50,000 crore," said Sanjay Kulshrestha, chairman, HUDCO.

With the increase in consumption demand in FY25, there has been a turnaround in terms of

the proposed capex by the large private companies. Their capex had fallen to 1.6 per cent in FY24. In FY22, it stood at 2 per cent of the GDP and 2.4 per cent in FY23,

finds India Ratings. The share of large companies in the total capex spent by the private sector too has fallen in the past two years. Capex

incurred by large private companies had represented 18.9 per cent of the overall private sector capex in FY23 and this fell to 13.9 per cent in FY24. It is estimated to have further fallen to 7 per cent in FY25, indicating better capex by other private sector firms in the past two years.

— Bloomberg

Streaming service uses machine learning, artificial intelligence

Netflix adds real time recommendations

California, May 7: Netflix has redesigned its popular streaming service to highlight newer types of programming and make it easier for customers to find shows to watch.

The new version of the home page will consolidate materials promoting individual titles and update program recommendations in real time. It will notify viewers about upcoming live events and updates to certain games.

Netflix has expanded the types of programming it offers over the last few years, investing billions of

dollars across video games and live events like the National Football League and wrestling.

But many TV viewers now complain about how hard it is to find things to watch. Netflix is addressing these complaints by reducing the amount of clutter on its home page and offering more context around titles to help guide viewer decisions, like calling out if something has been nominated for awards.

"Our redesigned TV home page is simpler, more intuitive and better

represents the breadth of entertainment on Netflix today," chief product officer Eunice Kim said.

The new interface underpins the service will allow Netflix to make tweaks to accommodate

Sentiment turns positive on India's strikes on Pak

Markets in past have consistently rebounded in long term

RAVI RANJAN PRASAD
MUMBAI, MAY 7

The Indian market saw low key volatile moves after an early morning knee jerk reaction to India launching airstrikes on Pakistan's terror camps. Sentiments improved as market participants digested the message sent through air strikes as the day progressed and no further escalations were reported.

Market closed in the green with Sensex gaining 105.71 points or 0.13 per cent at 80,746.78 while Nifty-50 closed 0.14 per cent or 34.80 points up at 24,414.40.

Earlier, in the pre-opening session 9.00 to 9.15 am Sensex and Nifty-50 indicated 692 points and 146.3 points lower from previous close at 79,948 and 24,233.30 respectively as buy sell orders were getting matched at respective stock exchanges. But the opening gaps narrowed after early morning jitters when trading started.

"Historically, such episodes trigger market volatility and short-term dips. Kargil War (4 per cent), Parliament Attack (-3 per cent), Mumbai Attacks (4 per cent), and Balakot Airstrike (3 per cent). However, markets have consistently rebounded in the long term. After the Kargil War, the Sensex surged 63 per cent within a year. Post-Parliament Attack, when trading started.

"Auto companies staged a strong rally after the conclusion of the FTA with UK," said Devarsh Vakil, head - research, HDFC Securities.

Tata Motors gained 5.18 per cent as a direct beneficiary of FTA with UK as BSE Auto index(1.53 per cent) emerged as top sectoral gainer.

Metals, energy, realty, and banking stocks also gained.

Imports. The local unit hit an intra-day low, falling nearly 50 paise at 84.94 level in afternoon. It recovered some losses by after state-owned banks on behalf of Reserve Bank of India sold dollars.

RBI's presence ensured that the rupee stayed in the zone of 84.45 to 84.95 during the day.

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CABINET APPROVES COAL ALLOCATION SCHEME FOR POWER

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NEW DELHI, MAY 7

The Union cabinet on Wednesday approved the revised Scheme for harnessing and allocating coal transparently in India (Shakti) policy for coal allocation to power sector, a move aimed at simplification of the linkage process. The scheme is expected to benefit all TPPs, railways, Coal India, Singareni Collieries, end consumers and state governments as well.

The coal ministry said the Cabinet committee on economic affairs has granted fresh coal linkages to thermal power plants (TPPs) of central sector or state sector or independent power producers (IPPs). With the introduction of revised Shakti policy, two windows — coal linkage to central gencos or states at notified prices and coal linkage to all gencos at a premium above notified price have been proposed.

The ministry further said under the coal at notified price segment the existing mechanism for grant of coal linkage to central sector thermal power projects including joint ventures and their subsidiaries will continue.

Moreover, coal linkage earmarked to states may be utilised by states in its own genco, IPPs to be identified through tariff-based competitive bidding or existing IPPs having power purchase agreement.

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Private sector cos increase capex to 2.3% of GDP in FY25

Most of the capex was used by the enterprises for the purchase of new assets for FY25. Over half of the expenditure was towards new machinery and equipment signalling modernisation and capacity expansion, followed by capital work-in-progress at 22 per cent, dwellings and buildings at 9.7 per cent and intellectual property products at 5.8 per cent.

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Suryakumar Yadav, MI	Prasidh Krishna, GT
510	20
Sudarshan Sai, GT	Noor Ahmad, CSK
509	20
Shubman Gill, GT	Hazlewood, RCB
508	18

short takes
INDIANS IN FINAL AFTER WIN OVER S. AFRICANS

Colombo, May 7: Riding on Jemimah Rodrigues' career-best century and half-tens from opener Smriti Mandhana and Deepthi Sharma, India defeated a fighting South Africa by 23 runs to set up a title clash with Sri Lanka in the women's Tri-Nation ODI series here on Wednesday.

Rodrigues' blazing 123 off 101 balls, laced with 15 fours and a six, saw India post a huge 337 for 9 before the bowlers, led by pacer seamer Amanjot Kaur (3/59) and off-spinner Deepthi Sharma (2/57) restricted the opponents to 314/7. This despite Annerie Dercksen's fine 81-run knock and stand-in skipper Chloe Tryon's 67.

Brief scores: India: 337/9 in 50 overs (Jemimah Rodrigues 123, Deepthi Sharma 93, Smriti Mandhana 51) beat South Africa 314/7 in 50 overs (Annerie Dercksen 81, Chloe Tryon 67, Amanjot Kaur 3/59)

UNDER 7 CHESS TRIALS TOURNEY ON SATURDAY

Hyderabad, May 7: The Hyderabad District Chess Association is conducting the Telangana Under 7 Chess Championships for boys and girls on May 10 and 11 at the Lal Bahadur Stadium Yoga Hall from 12 noon. The top two boys and girls from the tournament will get to represent Telangana in the upcoming National Under 7 Chess Championship to be held at Bhubaneswar in Odisha in the first week of June.

Telangana residents and Indian citizens born on or after 01-01-2018 are eligible to take part in the tournament. Players should submit their entries on phone numbers 7337578899 / 7337399299 on or before May 9, the HDCA president K. S. Prasad stated in a press release.

RASHMIKAA IN SINGLES PRE-QUARTERFINAL

Hyderabad, May 7: Hyderabad tennis player Shrivali Rashmika Bhamidipaty advanced to the pre-quarterfinals of the women's singles at the Lopota W50 Open tournament being played in Lopota, Georgia. In the first round, Rashmika defeated Ksenia Zaytseva of Russia in straight sets, 6-3, 6-3.

HYDERABAD FOOTBALLER AFZAL PASSES AWAY

Hyderabad, May 7: Hyderabad football player and gold medalist of the 1962 Asian Games DMK Afzal passed away on Wednesday evening. He was 81. His funeral will be held on Thursday at 1.30 pm in Murad Nagar, Hyderabad.

"Afzal's contribution to Indian football, especially his role in the historic 1962 Asian Games victory will always be remembered with great respect and admiration," the Telangana Football Association said while condoling his demise.

"Afzal was a superb player and a nice gentleman. His demise is a big loss to Telangana and India," said former Indian football captain Shabbir Ali.



DARK KNIGHT

KKR virtually out of Playoffs after losing to CSK

Kolkata, May 7: Chennai Super Kings beat Kolkata Knight Riders by two wickets to send the defending champions virtually out of the IPL play-offs contention here on Wednesday.

CSK chased down the target of 180 with two balls to spare with Dewald Brevis top-scoring with 52 off just 25 balls while Shivam Dube and captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni chipped in with 45 and 17 not out respectively.

For KKR, Vaibhav Arora (3/48) was the most successful bowler while Harshit Rana (2/43) and Varun Chakaravarthy (2/18) took two wickets apiece.

Earlier, left-arm wrist spinner Noor Ahmad exploited the turning conditions brilliantly, picking up 4/31, to restrict Kolkata Knight Riders to 179 for 6, as Chennai Super Kings' spin trio dominated the middle overs. After cruising at 67/1 at the power-play, KKR choked with Ahmad turning the tide.

The Afghan spinner broke KKR's rhythm immediately after the powerplay, striking twice in one over.

First, he dismissed Narine (26 off 17 balls; 4x4, 1x6), beaten in flight and stumped brilliantly by M. S. Dhoni. Four balls later, Angkris Raghuvanshi edged behind to give CSK a double breakthrough.

KKR lost further momentum as the boundaries dried up — at one stage, they went 24 balls without a single four — in the middle overs. Their hopes rested on Andre Russell, fresh from a match-winning fifty in the previous game.

The explosive Jamaican shifted gears, smashing Ravindra Jadeja for two fours and a six, and then launched Ahmad into the stands with a massive six off a googly. But Ahmad had the last laugh, deceiving Russell (38 off 21 balls) with another well-disguised googly to end his dangerous knock.

In his final over, Ahmad also removed Rinku Singh, wrapping up a terrific spell that broke KKR's backbone.

From 67/1 in six overs, KKR managed just 112 runs in the next 14 overs. — PTI



Chennai Super Kings spinner Noor Ahmad (left) celebrates with teammates after dismissing Kolkata Knight Riders batter Andre Russell during their Indian Premier League match at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata on Wednesday. — AP

SCOREBOARD

Kolkata Knight Riders: Rahmanullah Gurbaz c Noor Ahmad b Anshul Kamboj 11, Sunil Narine st Dhoni b Noor Ahmad 26, Ajinkya Rahane c Conway b Ravindra Jadeja 48, Angkris Raghuvanshi c Dhoni b Noor Ahmad 1, Manish Pandey not out 36, Andre Russell c Dewald Brevis b Noor Ahmad 38, Rinku Singh c Ayush Mhatre b Noor Ahmad 9, Ramandeep Singh not out 4, Extras (lb-4, w-2) 6. Total (for 6 wickets in 20 overs) 179.

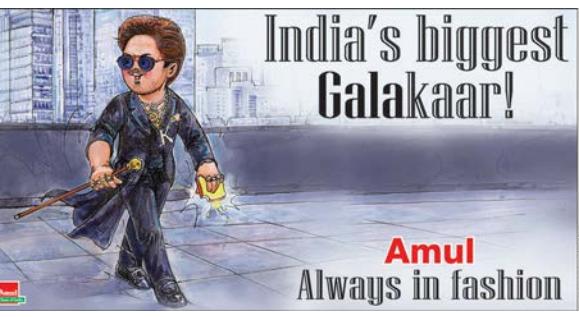
Fall of wickets: 1-11, 2-69, 3-71, 4-103, 5-149, 6-167.

Bowling: Khaleel Ahmed 2-0-14-0, Anshul Kamboj 3-0-38-1, Ravichandran Ashwin 3-0-19-0, Noor Ahmad 4-0-31-4, Ravindra Jadeja 4-0-34-1, Maheesha Pathirana 4-0-39-0.

Chennai Super Kings: Ayush Mhatre c Harshit Rana b Arora 0, Devon Conway b Ali 0, Urvil Patel c Varun b Harshit Rana 31, Ravichandran Ashwin c Raghuvanshi b Harshit Rana 8, Ravindra Jadeja b Varun 19, Dewald Brevis c Singh b Varun 52, Shivam Dube c Singh b Arora 45, M. S. Dhoni not out 17, Noor Ahmad c Singh b Arora 2, Anshul Kamboj not out 4, Extras (lb-1, w-4) 5. Total (for 8 wickets in 19.4 overs) 183.

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-25, 3-37, 4-56, 5-60, 6-127, 7-170, 8-172.

Bowling: Vaibhav Arora 3-0-48-3, Moen Ali 2-0-23-1, Harshit Rana 4-0-43-2, Varun Chakaravarthy 4-0-18-2, Sunil Narine 4-0-28-0, Andre Russell 2-4-0-22-0.



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POINTS TABLE

Teams	P	W	L	N/R	Points	Net RR
GT	11	8	3	0	16	+0.793
RCB	11	8	3	0	16	+0.482
PKS	11	7	3	1	15	+0.376
MI	12	7	5	0	14	+1.156
DC	11	6	4	1	13	+0.362
KKR	12	5	6	1	11	+0.193
LSG	11	5	6	0	10	-0.469
SRH (E)	11	3	7	1	7	-1.192
RR (E)	12	3	9	0	6	-0.718
CSK (E)	12	3	9	0	6	-0.992

E — Eliminated from Playoff contention

DC face Punjab in must-win tie

Dharamsala, May 7: Delhi Capitals will be desperate to arrest their slump and stay in contention for the playoffs when they take on a high-flying Punjab Kings in a crucial IPL match here on Thursday.

It was a complete top order collapse as Capitals lost half their side for 29.

DC's top order has looked vulnerable. Karun Nair's promotion as an opener in the last game backfired as he was dismissed for a duck, while South African stalwart Faf du Plessis, who seemed to have returned to form, also perished early trying to force a boundary on a bowler-friendly pitch.

Punjab Kings, on the other hand, have been sensational this season, winning seven and losing just three of their 11 matches to sit just outside the top two in the standings.

— PTI

Rohit to retire from Test cricket



It's been an absolute honour to represent my country in whites.

"Thank you for all the love and support over the years. I will continue to represent India in the ODI format," he posted on Instagram with a picture

of his Test cap.

Rohit captained India to the World Test Championship final against Australia and save the last couple of indifferent series against New Zealand at home and the Border-Gavaskar series

against Australia. India will have a new Test captain for the five-Test series in England with possible candidates being Jasprit Bumrah, K. L. Rahul, Shubman Gill and Rishabh Pant.

Rohit endured a particularly difficult run during the Border-Gavaskar Trophy where he had to drop himself from the playing XI owing to poor form but he had ruled out retirement at that stage.

There was also widespread speculation about his differences with Head Coach Gautam Gambhir, who had vowed to end the "star culture" in Indian cricket after taking charge last year in July. — PTI

MI-PUNJAB TIE IN DHARAMSALA MAY SHIFT TO MUMBAI

New Delhi/ Dharamsala, May 7: The IPL match between Mumbai Indians and Punjab Kings to be held on Sunday in Dharamsala is set to be shifted to Mumbai after travel plans of the teams were thrown haywire following the temporary closure of the hill town's airport.

"There is high possibility that the match will be shifted to Mumbai in case the airport remains shut," a BCCI source said.

Dharamsala is due to host the Punjab Kings vs Delhi Capitals clash on Thursday and that game will go ahead as scheduled given that both teams have touched base.

"We have not got any written intimation from either the BCCI, or the central and state governments about cancellation of tomorrow's match. Unless there is any official instruction, we are going ahead with the schedule," a Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association source said. — PTI



WHAT THEY SAID

INDIAN SPORTING FRATERNITY REACTS TO OPERATION SINDOOR



Players of Kolkata Knight Riders and Chennai Super Kings stand for the national anthem before their IPL match at Eden Gardens in Kolkata on Wednesday. — PTI

Fearless in unity. Boundless in strength. India's shield is her people. There's no room for terrorism in this world. We're ONE TEAM! Jai Hind.

— Sachin Tendulkar
cricket legend



The Indian Armed Forces turned adversity into a powerful fate moment. Their courage and valor in the face of danger have made us all proud. Jai Hind.

The Indian Army is giving a befitting reply to the terrorist attacks on the country by putting its life at stake. I salute your passion and bravery in this fight for the protection of Mother India and the safety and peace of all of us. I pray to God to protect you at every step and give you victory soon.

— Vinesh Phogat
Former wrestler and Congress leader



Agar koi aap par patthar phenke toh uspar Phool Phenko, Lekin Gamle ke saath (If someone throws stones at you then respond with flowers but not without the pots they are planted in). Jai Hind.

— Virender Sehwag
Former cricketer



I am glad India responded firmly with Operation Sindoos after the horrific Pahalgam attack. Terrorism must never go unanswered. And what a beautiful name for the operation. Bharat Mata ki Jai!

— Vidith Gujrathi
Chess player

— P. T. Usha
IOA President

— Nizhat Zareen
World champion boxer



There is no place for terrorism in India and in the World.

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State swimmers do well; AP also among medals



Telangana swimmers Sri Nithya Sagi (left) and Suhas Preetham Mylari pose with their medals at the Khelo India Youth Games being held in Gaya, Bihar.

timed 4:02.58 behind Karnatak (3:59.05) and Maharashtra (3:57.89) seconds to be third.